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Date of Sailing. 2-39 P.M.	Steamer.	Tons.	Connecting at Aden with	Tons.
26th Dec. 1910	SALSETTE.....	6000	MONGOLIA ...	9505
1st Jany.	HIMALAYA	6893	.....	...
8th "	SALSETTE.....	6000	MARMORA ...	10509
15th "	ARABIA	7903	.....	...
22nd "	SALSETTE.....	6000	MOREA	10890
29th "	DELHI.....	8000	.....	...
5th Feb.	SALSETTE.....	6000	MOOLTAN	9631
12th "	INDIA	7911	.....	...
19th "	MANTUA.....	10585	.....	...
26th "	CALEDONIA	7558	.....	...
5th March.	SALSETTE.....	6000	CHINA.....	7912
12th "	PERSIA	7951	.....	...
19th "	SALSETTE.....	6000	MALWA	10883
* 31st "	ARCADIA	8503	.....	...
2nd April.	EGYPT	7912	.....	...
2nd April.	MACEDONIA	10912	.....	...
9th "	ARABIA	7903	.....	...
16th "	SALSETTE.....	6000	MONGOLIA ...	9505
23rd "	MANTUA.....	10585	.....	...
30th "	SALSETTE.....	6000	MARMORA.....	10509
7th May.	CALEDONIA	7558	.....	...
14th "	SALSETTE.....	6000	MOREA.....	10890
21st "	PERSIA	7951	.....	...

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Vessels	Tons	Captains.	To sail on
Duc. BALDUINO	4,580	D. Maganzini	15th Jany. 1910.
R. RUBATTINO	4,580	L. Mancini	15th Feb. 1910.

RATES TO THE ABOVE PORTS INCLUSIVE OF WINE AND BEER.

	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class
Single Tickets	Rs. 600	Rs. 385	Rs. 165
Return Tickets available two years	Rs. 900*	Rs. 575	

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REDUCED FARES TO NAPLES, GENOA, VENICE, FROM FEBRUARY, 1910.

The abovementioned fares by steamer D. Balduino and R. Rubattino, will be reduced as follows from February next:—

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1st Class, Outside Cabins	Rs. 500	Rs. 750
1st Class, Inside Cabin	Rs. 400	Rs. 600
2nd Class	Rs. 350	Rs. 525

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The fares to New York will be:—1st Class, Rs. 728; and 2nd Class, Rs. 524.

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BOMBAY TO COLOMBO, PENANG, SINGAPORE AND HONGKONG.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To sail on.
ISCHIA	6,030	G. Balsito	17th Jany 1910
CAPRI	6,000	F. Dini	17th Feb. 1910.

Fares to COLOMBO Rs. 75, to PENANG Rs. 140, to ..... to SINGAPORE Rs. 165 and to HONGKONG Rs. 220.

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Steamers.	Tons.	Sailing Date.	Time.	Route via.
KOLA	1,205	Thur, 23rd Dec.	9 a.m.	C Mandvi
LHASA	2,171	Fri 24th Dec.	6 a.m.	Direct †
LINGA	2,171	Mon. 27th Dec.	11 a.m.	P.D. & C.M.

† Or later on arrival of English mail steamer.
* Porebunder Dwarka, and C. Mandvie.

FOR C. MANDVIE, KARACHI AND BUSREH (Weekly).

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TO MARSEILLES.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To Sail on THURSDAY
VILLE de la CIOTAT	6,378	Barillon	23rd Dec. 1909
AUSTRALIEN	6,363	Riquier	20th Jan, 1910
CALEDONIEN	4,120	X	17th Feb. "
DUMBEA	5,685	Rebuffat	17th Mar. "
SYDNEY	4,118	X	14th Apr. "
VILLE de la CIOTAT	6,378	Barillon	12th May "
NERA	5,533	Martin	9th June "

INTERCHANGEABLE TICKETS.

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Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To Sail on or about
DUMBEA	5,685	Rebufat.	31st Dec. 1909.
SYDNEY	4,118	X	28th Jan. 1910.

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S. S. "Umzumbi".	5,000	16th February, 1910.

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Steamers.	Tonnage.	Captain.	Date.
CIRCASSIA	6716	F. Osborne, R. N. R.	7th Jan. 1910.
SCINDIA	5106	Wm. Kelso	19th Jan. 1910.
CASTALIA	6388	J. Hamilton	11th Feb. 1910.

HOMEWARD SEASON.

Steamer.	Tonnage.	Captain.	Leaves Bombay.
ELYSIA	6368	A. Haig	25th Feb. 1910,
MASSILIA	5091	J. Thomson	15th March "
OLYMPIA	5124	A. Tait	29th " "
CIRCASSIA	6716	C.F. Osborne, R.N.R.	12th April "
SCINDIA	5106	Wm. Kelso	23rd " "
CASTALIA	6388	J. Hamilton	8th May "
ELYSIA	6368	A. Haig	22nd " "

Schedule of the revised rates of fares from Bombay Homeward ports by the Anchor Line steamers:—

	Rs.
Bombay to Suez	413
Bombay to Portsaid	446
Bombay to Marseilles	578
Bombay to Liverpool	605
Bombay to London Overland from Marseilles	653
Bombay to New York	808
Bombay to Suez and back	627
Bombay to Portsaid and back	677
Bombay to Liverpool and back	990
Bombay to London via Marseilles and back from Liverpool	1,038
Bombay to New York and back	1,340

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CAPITAL CALLED UP	,, 50,00,000
RESERVE FUND	,, 1,75,000

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The Hon'ble Mr. IBRAHIM RAHIMTOOLA, C. I. E.

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W. & A. GRAHAM & Co.,
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Graham's Buildings,
Bombay, 21st December, 1909.

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BOMBAY, BARODA AND CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

THE MAIL TRAIN from Bombay, on THURSDAY night, the 23rd December, will be run in two portions. The First portion will leave Colaba at 21-30 and will carry all Intermediate Class Passengers and also 1st and 2nd Class Passengers for Stations on Godhra Ratlam and Nagda Mattra Railways. The Second Portion will carry all other 1st and 2nd Class Passengers and will leave Colaba at 21-50.

FREDERICK W. HANSON,
General Traffic Manager.
Bombay, 21st December, 1909.

GENERAL ELECTIONS OF COUNCILLORS. UNDER THE CITY OF BOMBAY MUNICIPAL ACT, 1888.

JUSTICES' ELECTION.

I HEREBY give notice as required by Section 25 of the aforesaid Act that THURSDAY, the 10th February, 1910, has been FIXED for the JUSTICES' ELECTION.

W. D. SHEPPARD,
Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay.
Municipal Commissioner's Office,
Bombay, 21st December, 1909.

GENERAL ELECTIONS OF COUNCILLORS.

UNDER THE CITY OF BOMBAY MUNICIPAL ACT, 1888.

PURSUANT to the provisions of Section 22 of the City of Bombay Municipal Act, 1888, I hereby FIX the following DATES for the GENERAL ELECTIONS of COUNCILLORS, to take place in the year 1910 :—

FIRSTLY.—For the Ward Elections to take place simultaneously for all the Wards.
THURSDAY, the 20th January, 1910.

SECONDLY.—For the Election by the Bombay Chamber of Commerce.
THURSDAY, the 3rd February, 1910.

THIRDLY.—For the Justices' Election.
THURSDAY, the 10th February, 1910.

FOURTHLY.—For the Fellows' Election.
MONDAY, the 21st February, 1910.

Printed Forms of nomination papers either for the Ward Elections or Justices' Election can be obtained free of charge by persons entitled to them on application at the Commissioner's Office, at any time, within 7 days previous to the respective days fixed for the Ward and Justices' Election.

As regards nominations, attention is invited to Section 26 of the Municipal Act and it will be observed that the days fixed for the Elections (Ward and Justices' respectively) are the days on which nomination papers are to be delivered at the Commissioner's office, before 5 p.m. (Bombay Time).

W. D. SHEPPARD,
Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay.
Municipal Commissioner's Office,
Bombay, 21st December, 1909.

No. 2134-B.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
ARMY DEPARTMENT.
FORT WILLIAM, THE 8TH DECEMBER, 1909.

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2. Nature of, and place at which, employment is offered.
3. Proposed pay and period for which employment is offered.
4. Whether railway fare to place of employment will be paid or not.
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POSTPONEMENT NOTICE.

THE SALE of the Valuable landed property at Kazi Syed Street, or Moondy Bazar, near Mandvi, advertised for Sale this day, Wednesday, 22nd December, 1909, has been POSTPONED, till further notice.

SALE OF VALUABLE DIAMOND RINGS, BROOCHES and EAR-DROPS, set with diamonds.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 22nd instant, at 3 p.m. (S. T.), Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms in Bank Street, Fort, at the request of the mortgagee and on account and at the risk of the defaulting mortgagor Manecherji Dorabji Adenwala, the following jewellery :—

1 Emerald and diamond ring (emerald of about 5 and 5½ ruttees) and 12 diamonds about 1½ ruttees.
1 Diamond brooch (28 diamonds about 15 ruttees).
1 Diamond ring (28 diamonds about 7 ruttees).
2 Diamond bulties (diamonds about 19 ruttees 6 ounces).

Also by order of the mortgagee, Bai Nandagauri, widow of Hiralal D. Saraiya, and on account of the mortgagor, Mahomed Hosain Tharia Topan :—

1 Big diamond ring.
1 Big diamond ring.
1 Diamond scarf pin.

The above jewellery is on view at the Rooms of the Auctioneers.

AUCTION SALE OF VERY VALUABLE JEWELLERY.

Under instructions from Mr. Haji Jackeria Haji Ahmad Patel, the mortgagee in possession, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will put up for sale by Public Auction, TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, the 23rd day of December, 1909, at 3 p.m. (S. T.), at their Rooms, in Bank Street, Fort, on account and at the risk of the mortgagor, Mr. Syed Sirdar Ali Khan, the executor of the last will of Syed Sirdar Deler Jung, Bahadur, the following very valuable jewellery :—

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1 diamond jugin with 10 strings of pearls.
1 pair all milli with 3 pearl strings each.
1 diamond tavij with 2 strings of pearls.
1 mirza beperwa with 10 strings of pearls with jewel pendants.
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The above is on view. The above sale which was advertised for 6th November, 1909, was postponed at the instance of Padsha Begum in Suit No. 476 of 1909, by an order of the Court, but the said Rule has on the 13th day of December, 1909, been discharged with costs, the mortgagee being at liberty to sell.

AUCTION SALE of Valuable Landed properties, (House and Stable), situate at Chandan wadi, Ropa Lane, near Chira Bazaar.

Under instructions from and by the order of R. D. Sethna, Esquire, the Acting Official Assignee and Assignee of the estate and effects of Ardesir Pestonji Nanavati, an Insolvent, and with the consent and concurrence of the Mortgagee, Mr. Nowroji Sorabji Bansha, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will, on the undermentioned day, sell the undermentioned properties by Public Auction, on the premises.

Lot No. 2, Chandanwadi House.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, the 23rd day of December 1909 at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.), at the Premises.

Description.—All that piece or parcel of land or ground together with the messuages, tenements or buildings standing thereon situate on the eastern side of Chandanwady Lane, without the Fort of Bombay, containing by admeasurement one hundred and thirty-five square yards or thereabouts, and bearing Collector's Old No. 580, New No. 2774, Old Survey No. 69, and New Survey No. 8217, and bounded on the east by a sweeper's passage, belonging to the house of Sorabji Thoothi, on the west by the public road called Chandanwadi Lane, on the north by the property of Maneckji Vazifdar, and on the south by the property of Hormasji Nowroji Vesana and the buildings thereon are assessed by the Bombay Municipality under Ward No. 3235, and Street No. 5, and which said premises are of the pension and tax tenure and are now in the occupation of the vendor's tenants.

Lot No. 3, Chandanwadi Stable.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, the 23rd day of December 1909 at 5 p.m. (S. T.), on the premises.

Description :—All that piece or parcel of leasehold land situate at Chandanwadi with a Stable standing thereon, without the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement, three hundred and thirty-five square yards, be the same a little more or less and bounded as follows:—That is to say, on the east by a passage, on the west by the property of Rustomji Doosbhoy Seth, on the north by the property of the late Muncherji Jamsetji Wadia and on the south by the property of the late Bomanji Hormasji Wadia and which premises are assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under Ward No. 3343, Street No. 13, Chandanwadi and are in the occupation of the Vendor's tenants.

For further particulars and printed copies of conditions of sale, application may be made to Messrs. Pestonji Rustim Kola and Co., Attorneys for R. D. Sethna, Esquire, the Acting Official Assignee and Assignee of the estate and effects of Ardesir Pestonji Nanavati at No. 79 Meadow Street, Fort, or to the undersigned.

SALE OF VERY valuable properties known as "Watson's Hotel Annexe" and the "Watson's" or "Esplanade Hotel" in Bombay.

In the High Court of Judicature at Bombay.
Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction,
Suit No. 668 of 1909.

Raja Bahadur Narsingirji Giangirji of Hyderabad, Deccan ..... Plaintiff.

vs.

1 Syed Sirdar Ali Khan, Executor of the last Will of Nawab Syed Abdul Hakkarmalker, Sirdar Dilerul-Mulk Bahadur, and
2. Haji Jackeria Haji Ahmed Patel ..... Defendants.

Under instructions from and by order of Limji N. Banaji, Esquire, the Reciver appointed in the above suit by an order of the High Court, dated the 11th November, 1909, and 2nd December, 1909, respectively, and pursuant to the directions contained in the said order, Messrs. CRAWFORD and COMPANY, Auctioneers, will, on SATURDAY, the 15th day of January, 1910, at 4 o'clock (S. T.) in the afternoon, put up for sale by Public Auction at the premises as a going concern, the very valuable property known as the Watson's Hotel Annexe, situate at Apollo Bunder Road in Bombay, consisting of the immoveable property described in the first schedule hereto, together with the entire stock of the furniture, crockery, cutlery, glassware, electric and other fittings, engines and dynamos, used in connection with the business of the said Hotel, together also with the Good Will of the said business and will also on MONDAY the 17th day of January 1910 at the same hour similarly put up for sale as a going concern at the premises the very valuable property known as the "Watsons" or "Esplanade Hotel" situate at the Esplanade Road, in Bombay, consisting of the immoveable property described in 2nd schedule hereto, together with the entire stock of the furniture, crockery, fittings, Good Will as aforesaid.

First Schedule.

All that right, title and interest of the parties to the above suit in all and singular the leasehold land and hereditaments, comprised in and demised by the Indenture of Lease, dated the 22nd December, 1885, and made between the Trustee of the Port of Bombay of the one part and Syed Abdul Hak Sirdar Dilerjung, C.I.E., of the other part, for a term of 50 years, commencing from the 1st February, 1886, (renewable as therein mentioned) situate on the Wellington Reclamation estate, and fronting on the Apollo Bunder Road, in Bombay, containing by admeasurement 8129 2-9 square yards, on there about, together with very substantial tenements and buildings thereon, assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue under No. 10 and forming a part of Collector's New Survey Nos. 95-59, and bounded on or towards the North by the Government Dockyard, on or towards the South by the Apollo Bunder Road, on or towards the East by land in occupation of the Royal Yacht Club and on or towards the West partly by the Post Office Stables and partly by land in the occupation of F. Maraglia and Company and which said premises are assessed by the Assessor of Municipal rates and taxes under Ward No. 896 (1) to 836 (7) and Street No. 8-6a and 6f.

Second Schedule.

All that right, title and interest of the parties to the above suit in all and singular the leasehold land, hereditaments and premises comprised in and demised by the Indenture of Lease, dated the 20th September, 1872, and made between the Secretary of State for India in Council of the one part and Hannah Maria Watson and others of the other part, for a term of 999 years compris-

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ing from the 26th August, 1867, situate on the Esplanade Road in Bombay, containing by admeasurement 1484 square yards, registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's Old No. 62, New No. 18997 and New Survey No. 84 and 7 and bounded on or towards the North by the Fuller Road, on or towards the East by a foot path and the Esplanade Road, on or towards the West by a public street and on or towards the South by the property, formerly of Ardeshir Hormasji Wadia but now of the Army and Navy Co-operative Society, Ltd., together with a very substantially built 4 storeyed building thereon, assessed by the Assessor of Municipal Rates and Taxes under Ward No. 1163, Street Nos. 10, 2, 4 and 6 Esplanade and Fuller Roads.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to Messrs. Thakurdas and Co., Solicitors for the Receiver, at their Office No. 25, Esplanade Road, Fort, or to Messrs. Crawford and Co., Auctioneers, at their Office, in Bank Street, Fort, Bombay.

CRAWFORD & CO.,
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A varied surplus stock of the above best British and other makes of the best quality.

Under instructions from and by order of whom it may concern, Messrs. SORABJEE COWASJEE and Co. will, THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 22nd day of December, 1909, and the following days, sell by Public Auction, at No. 23, 25, Rampart Row, on the ground floor, close to the P. and O. Co.'s office, at 2-30 p. m. (S.T.), in small lots to suit convenience of the purchasers.

Catalogues will be published and the goods are on view.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co.,
Auctioneers.
Bombay, 22nd December, 1909.

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JAMES MURDOCH,
Esplanade Road, Bombay. Manager.

SALES BY AUCTION.

BENNETT & COMPANY,
No. 22, APOLLO STREET.

A GRAND OPPORTUNITY FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

AUCTION SALE of Parisian Novelties and Fancy Goods.

Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will, THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 22nd and THURSDAY, the 23rd December, at 2 p.m. (S. T.), each day, sell by Public Auction, at Shillings Stores Co., No. 59, Esplanade Road, their stock-in-trade, consisting of Parisian novelties, in leather goods, such as blotters, book holders, cigar and cigarette cases, letter and note cases, card cases, ladies' hand-bags, plain and fitted purses, jewel boxes, work boxes, art jewellery, such as gilt metal bags, powder boxes, muff chains, book markers, scent bottles, brooches, trinket boxes, bonbon boxes, photo frames, silk parasols, silk umbrellas, silver mounted and plain handles, silver mounted walking sticks, silk bags, ladies' belts in silk, canvass, leather, embroidered elastic hat pins, hand painted fans, spangled fans, real lace fans, cut-glass, writing table appointment, silver mounted paper-knives, silver mounted writing sets, manicure sets, scarf rings, pins, sleeve links, shirt studs, waist coat buttons, neckties, statues in imitation bronze, porcelain patch boxes, silk flowers, photograph frames, mirrors, trays, vases, coffee cups, tea cups, wall plates, jam pots, butter pots, ash trays, ladies' combsets, necklaces, soaps, scents, toilet powders, motor-goggles, watch chains, etc., etc.

Teakwood glass shopfittings made by McKenzie, Electric fitting, etc., etc.

The property is now on view.

RE SALE OF PROPERTIES AT WADWALLA AND VILLA PARLE.

Suit No. 238 of 1908.

Jamnawahoo, widow..... Plaintiff

vs.

Jiwawahoo, widow and others..... Defendants.

Private offers for the above properties will be received by the Receiver, R. D. Sethna, Esqr., at his office at the High Court, or by Undersigned upto WEDNESDAY, the 22nd instant.

A CHOICE SELECTION FOR CHRISTMAS BONA-FIDE SALE.

AUCTION SALE of very valuable Silk Turkish Carpets, Old China, Jade Ivory, Silver Art pieces, Old Coins, Gold Jewellery, etc., etc.

Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will, THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 22nd December, 1909, at 3 p.m. (S.T.), sell by Public Auction, at the premises lately vacated by Messrs. Leach and Weborny, Rampart Row, below Messrs. David Sassoon and Company's office by order of the mortgagees in possession and on account and risk of Mr. A. M. Jacob, Mrs. H. Freedman and Mr. E. Chapman, a small, but very rare collection of Silk carpets, including the well-known "Izaat rasha," carpet and "marriage market" carpet, antique gold coin, necklaces, bangles, gold watches, gold lacque-silverart pieces, sang-de-boeuf jars, famille noire beans, sagadi and Koolfee gold coins, menu rings, cupshaped, set with teal diamonds, Statue of liberty from the ruins of Pompei, etc., etc.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

AUCTION SALE OF SARASVATI PRINTING PRESS.

Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will, on THURSDAY, the 30th December, 1909, sell by Public Auction, at 4-30 p.m. (S. T.), by order of Dr. Popat Parbhuram Vaidya, the mortgagee, and on account and risk of Thakorlal Harilal Desai, the mortgagor, on the premises at Abdool Rahman St. near Godrej and Boyce shop, the Sarasvati Printing Press as a going concern, with all its machinery, furniture, etc., such as four demi machines without pankha, one royal machine with pankha, one fools-cap machine without pankha, one treadle, one gaily press, one cutting press, one embossing press with six envelope cutters, one superroyal size screw press, 1 perforating machine, 1 binding press, 1 small screw press, 1 small stereo press, 1 long stereo press, 1 ruling machine, 3 numbering machines, about 146 cases types of English characters and 115 cases of Gujerati characters and about 49 cases of Marathi characters, galleys, big and small chases, shelves, ranks, etc., etc.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Bhaishanker, Kanga and Girdharlal or to the undersigned.

AUCTION SALE of Valuable Landed Properties at Mount Road, Mazagon.

Under instructions from Messrs. Payne and Co., Solicitors, for Aga Shamsudinshah, the Administrator of the estate of Aga Jangishah, deceased, the undermentioned properties, situate at Mount Road, Mazagaon, will be put up for sale by Public Auction, by Messrs. BENNETT and Co. at the premises, on the 7th day of January, 1910, at the times specified against the said properties.

PARTICULARS.

1 Mount Road, 3 Small Houses, Nos. 14, 16 and 18, at 4-30 p. m.

All that piece or parcel of Government land with the messuages, tenements, hereditaments and premises standing thereon, situate, lying and being at Mazagon, measuring about 2212 Sq. yards, and assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's New No. 16278, New Survey No. 3/3662, and Old Survey No. 669, and assessed by the Municipality under Street No. 14-15-18, and bounded on the east by the Public Road, called Mount Road, on the west by the property of Bai Dhunbaiji Sorabji, on the South by the property of Marwanji Hirjibhoy, and on the north by the property 2ndly described.

2 At 5 p. m. Monod Road, big House, Nos. 20-22.

All that piece or parcel of Government land with the messuages, tenements, hereditaments and premises, standing thereon, situate lying, and being at Mazagon, measuring 13032 square yards or thereabouts and assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue under New No. 16286, New Survey No. 3661 and Old Survey No. , and assessed by the Municipality under street Nos. 22, and bounded on the east by a Public Road called Mount Road, on the west partly by the property of Sheikh Sharafally Mamooji and partly by the property of Chamaksaran Keloth Maccikaka, on the south by the property first described, and on the north by the property of Nanoji Rattanji Nasir.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Payne and Co., Solicitors, at their office, 7 Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, or to the undersigned.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTIES at Janjiker Street and Sarang Street or Bhoosari Mohola.

Under instructions from Messrs. Heptoolabhai Abdall and Alibhai Moola Jeewanjee, the Executors & Trustees of the last Will and codicil of Hussan Ali Mola Adamjee and pursuant to the decretal order of reference, dated the 24th July, 1909, made by the High Court, in Suit No. 334 of 1909. (Heptoollabhai Abdulla vs. Shaikh Sharaf Ali Mamujee), Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will, on WEDNESDAY, the 12th January, 1910, at 4-30 p.m. (S. T.), sell by Public Auction the premises, the following valuable landed properties:—

All that piece or parcel of Farzendari land or ground with the messuage, tenement or range of buildings standing thereon, situate, lying and being on the north side of Janjikar Street leading to Goolen Mohidin Dawjee Street, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay, and containing by admeasurement 75 3-9 square yards, the same, a little more or less, and bounded on or towards the east by the property of Canjee Herjee, on towards the west by a sweeper's passage, on or towards the south by the property of Essabeebee, now, and on or towards the south by the said Janjikar Street, and which said premises are assessed by the Collector of Municipal rates and taxes under Ward No. 5/1, and Street Nos. 154-52, and are in the occupation of the tenants of the Vendors.

2 On the same day, at 5 p.m. (S.T.) on the premises.

All that piece or parcel of Farzendari land or ground together with messuage, tenement or dwelling-house standing thereon, situate lying and being in the west side of Sarang Street or Bhoosari Moholla, without the Fort, Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 153 7/9 square yards, be the same, a little more or less, and bounded as follows, that is to say, on or towards the east by the said Sarang Street, on or towards the west by a sweeper's passage, on or towards the north by the property of Tyabali Malabari, and on or towards the south by the property of Ayabhoy Tyabali and assessed by the Collector of Municipal rates and taxes under Street Nos. 156-158, and Ward No. 139, and which premises are in the the occupation of the tenants of the Vendors.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to Messrs. Thakurdass and Co., Solicitors to the Trustees or to the undersigned.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 22nd December, 1909.

REPAIRS OF Rs. 1-8 within 25 years, We take this opportunity to tell you that Singer Sewing Machine, which purchased 25 years ago, has required only Rs. 1-8 for repairs, and it is still going strong of all parts, I. R. Gardener 19, Forbes Street, Bombay.

DAILY MARKET REPORT.

LONDON, December 20.

Consols 2 1/2 per cent. ... ... 82 7/16 —1/16
Exchange on London at Paris Fcs. ... 25-22 unchgd
Rentes 3 per cent. ... ... 88 3-4 unchgd
Berlin Cheques on London. ...20-46 1/2 unchgd
Bar Silver Spot. ... ... 24 1/4—1/16
Do. 3 months hence. ... ... 24 1/4—1/16
Closing Tone of Silver. ... ... Dull.
Rupee Paper 3 1/2 per cent. ... 62 9-16—1/16
Exchange on India 30 days' sight (Bank buying rate). ... ...1 3 15 1/2 unchgd
Discount, Bank of England Rate 4 1-2 per cent, since 9th December.
Council Bills—Extra allotments, Madras Rs. 4,50,000 at 1 4 2 1-2 Transfer.
3 1/2 per cent. Indian Stock (Sterling Loan) ... ... 97 1/2+1/4
Discount Bank Bills 3 months' sight ... 3 7/8—1/8
Do. Indian Bank Bills 6 months' sight 3 3/4—1/4
Do. Fine Trade Bills 3 months... 4 3/8 unchgd
Do. Fine Trade Bills 6 months... 4 3/8 unchgd.
Bar Gold (per oz.) ... ... 77/9 unchgd.
Interest day to-day loans ... ... 4 1-4 +3/8
Do. of day market loans ... 4 1/4 unchgd

MANCHESTER, December 20.

COTTON.

	Bales.
Total Day's Sales at Liverpool ...	4,000
Do. Day's Sales on Spot and for Exp.	...
Do. do. called ...	1,000
Do. Day's Sales of East Indian ...	50
Do. Day's Imports...	3,000

Tone of Liverpool Cotton Spot, Small demand Quiet.
Do. of Liverpool Cotton Futures ... Steady.
Do. of Liverpool Cotton East Indian... Quiet.
Tone of Manchester Market. ... ... Quiet.
Mid-Americans ... ... 8-01 unchgd
Egyptian F. G. F. ... ...13 3/9 unchgd

Cotton Delivery	D.-J.	J.-F.	F.-M.	M.-A.	A.-M.
Mid. Uplands	7-86	7-89	7-91	7-93	7-98
	+6	+5	+6	+6	+6
G. O. C. Liverpool	M.-J.	J.-J.	J.-A.	A.-S.	
	8-00	7-99	7-98	7-70	
	+6	+5	+6	+7	

LONDON, DECEMBER 20.

ADDITIONAL QUOTATIONS,

Good Bengal	5 12-32
F G Bengal	5 16-32
Fine Bengal	5 20-32
Good Bhownuggar	5 28-32
F G Bhownuggar	...
Fine Bhownuggar	6 4-32
Fine M G Bhownuggar... ...	6 4-32
Good Oomra	5 30-32
F G Oomra	6 2-32
Fine Oomra	6 6-32
Good M G Oomra	5 30-32
Fine M G Oomra	6 6-32
Good Broach	7 2-32
F G Broach	7 15-32
Fine Broach	7 12-32
Good Khandeish	5 28-32
F G Khandeish...	6
F G F Tinnevelly, Liverpool C I F	6 10-32
Buyers o S llers	...
Months	...
G Madras Westerns C I F ...	5 9-16
Fair Coconada C I F London...	5 1-8
Coconada Ginned C I F London	5 17-32
G. M. Westerns C. I. F. London	5 22-32

unchgd.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

NEW YORK, December 20.

COTTON :—

Day's Receipts at all U. S. Ports ...	44,000
Do. Exports to Great Britain ...	12,000
Do. Exports to Continent	11,000

Futures at New York..... Advanced on bullish Government ginners report and on limited offerings.
Jan. 15-02+9
Do at New York.....
May 15-67+7

Spot Cotton at New York ...	15·20+10
Fair Rio Coffee (No. 7 quality)	8 5-8+1-8
Demand Bills	4·88+1-8
Silver Commercial Bars ...	52 3-4
Spot Cotton at New Orleans	15 1-16 unchgd
Tone of Spot Cotton ...	Steady.
Futures at New Orleans ...	Jan. 15·23+5
Do. at New Orleans ...	May 15·93+5

WASHINGTON, December 20.

The United States Census Bureau gives the amount of cotton ginned up to 13th instant as 9,362,099 commercial bales.

LINSEED.

LONDON, December 20.

Linseed Argentine (La Plata) 53
" " months, Dec.-Jan.
" " Ports, Antwerp.
" " Buyers, sellers, &c., sellers.

WHEAT.

LONDON, December 20.

SOUTH AMERICAN.

Buyers, etc.—No Sellers.
Tone—Easier.

AUSTRALIAN.

South Australian ... — 39 1-2
Months—Jan.-Feb.
Buyers, etc.—Sellers.
Tone—Dull.
Linseed, Bombay, per 416 lbs. 55 3-9
Do. Months—April-May.
Do. Name of Ports—Antwerp.
Do. Whether Buyers, or Sellers, etc.—Done.
Tone—Quiet.
Wheat Choice White Karachi, per 492lbs C.I.F...41 3-4
Do. Months—Dec-Jan.
Do. Name of Ports—London.
Do. Whether Buyers, or Sellers, etc.—Sellers.
Tone—Easier.
Wheat Afloat for United Kingdom, ... 1,940,000

LONDON, December 20.

NEILL BROTHERS REPORT.

Our crop estimate unchanged, closing supplies 700,000.

Para Rubber 7 6 3/4—Value.
RAPESEED.—Firmer.

SUGAR.

German Granulated Sugar C. and F. India Double Bags first marks 15 5 1-4
Months of shipment—May-Aug.—Sellers.
Tone—Quiet.

METAL.

Copper Braziers	£ 59 1-2
Yellow Metal	d. 6 1/8

BOMBAY, DECEMBER 21.

EXCHANGE.

The market opened at 1s. 4 1-8d. for T. T. and for demand 1s. 4 1-8d. was quoted, but business was done at 1s. 4 5-32d. for this mail. 3 months' sight credits could be had at 1s. 4 11-32d. to 1s.4 3-8d. but some Banks refused to buy even at 1s. 4 3-8d. for three months.

We quote :—

T. T. on London	1s. 4 1/8d.
Demand Do.	1s. 4 5/32d.
3 m/s. Credits	1s. 4 3/32d.
Do. Francs ...	171 3/4
Do. Marks ...	140
30 d/s. Hongkong ...	131 1/4
" Shanghai	175 3/4
" Japan	149 1/2
Demand Francs	169 1/4
" Marks	137 1/4

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

Government Paper market opened at 93 1-16 per cent. both for ready and settlements and then declined to 93 per cent., at which rate there were sellers at the close.

BULLION.

Bar silver in London was down by 1-16 at 24 1-4 for ready and forward. New York remained unchanged at 52 3-4.

There is no improvement in the local market in Gold as demand is practically nil. Although prices all round are on the decline even up-country demand is very limited.

In silver there was some enquiry and rates remained unchanged. Private telegrams report London "dull." For ready there is a good demand and the difference in price betwsen forward and cash is six annas.

We quote :—

GOLD.

	Rs.	a.	p.
97 touch Fakirjee	23	9	9
97 touch Chinai	23	4	0
National Bank	24	1	6
Chartered Bank	24	0	3
Sovereigns Shield	15	2	0
Do. Dragon	15	0	0
Australian	24	1	3
Mints' Slabs	24	0	0

SILVER.

	Rs.	a.	p.
17 1/2 Penny	63	8	0
17 Penny ready	63	7	0
First Settlement	63	9	0
Second "	63	15	0
Local per tola	0	9	9

SEEDS AND WHEAT.

This morning Home Prices were firm and steady. Prices both for Linseed and Rapeseed have advanced as home quotations are daily on the rise. Gingelly are in good demand. Prices in wheat are firm. Business was done at Rs. 40 in groundnuts new crop and Cottonseed at Rs. 25. Exporters are buying for December shipment at market rates.

Description.	Rate.
Linseed, Bold	...Rs. 10 8
Linseed, Small	... " 10 5
RAPESEED—	
Brown Cawnpore ...	...Rs. 6 8
Yellow do.	... " 6 10
Do. Gujarat	... " 7 1
Poppyseed	... " 10 2
Castorseed	... " 33 1-2/34
Mowraseed	... " 6 5
Maize	... " 22 1-4/22 1-2
Groundnuts	... " 40
Mustardseed	... " 82/86
Khandesh Howri ...	... " 44/45
White Gin, Bold 85/15 ...	... " 42/45 1-2
Do. do. do. 85/15 ...	... " 44 8
Do. Meggi	... " 43/44
Do. Black Kutni	... " 38/39
WHEAT—	
Choice Pissi	... " 5 14 6
Delhi	... " 5 7 6

Summary of Daily Arrivals of Wheat and Seeds by rail and sea during the 48 hours ending at 6 p. m. on Monday, 20th December :—

Wheat	8,766 cwts.
Linseed	1,164 "
Rape, Rai and Mustardseed ...	282 "
Gingellyseed	26,828 "
Poppyseed	533 "
Groundnuts	5,750 "
Castorseed	5,623 "
Rice	666 "
Myrabollams	1,545 "
Cottonseed	46,720 "
Mowraseed	1,293 "
Gram	1,405 "
Jowar	226 "
Maize —	2,277 "

LOCAL YARN.

Local market is firm on account of the high prices of cotton. Mills are getting fancy prices which hampers all business. Shanghai fortnightly sales report 500 bales as sold, and unsold stock is 44,000 bales and exchange is 178. The tone of China market is firm with an advancing attitude, but sellers demanding higher rates, business is restricted.

SPINNINGS.

Petits opened at Rs. 3,507 1-2 but there was a big drop and closed at Rs. 3,477 1-2 and February are quoted from Rs. 10 to 12 1-2 less.

We quote :—

BANKS.

Bombay	1,502 1/2
India	66
Indian Specie	53 1/2

MILLS.

Colaba	1,095
Currimbhoy	1080
Crescent...	87 1/2
Davids	363 1-2
Fazalbhai	220
Framji Petits	1,735
Kohinoor	670
Maneakji Petits...	3,477 1-2
Standard	1,100

PRESSES.

New Berar	550
New Mofussil	735

MISCELLANEOUS.

Badham Pile & Co	132
B. E. S. and T. Co's. Ord ...	97
Bombay E. S. T. C. Pref. ...	151
Bombay Steam Nav. Pref. ...	275
Colaba Land & Mill	1,085
Treacher & Co.	560

RAILWAYS.

Ahmedabad-Prantej	59)
Tapti-Valley	437 1/2

COTTON.

Neill Bros. wired to-day that the United States Census Bureau reports that the Cotton ginned up to the 13th instant amount to 9,362,000 commercial bales and that the closing supplies may further come up to 700,000 bales. This report was received by some speculators and last night the Marwaree speculators were in a panic and prices for Broach were put up to Rs. 301 which by morning were increased to Rs. 305 and closed at Colaba this evening at Rs. 307 1-2. For ready lots market is maintained and those who hold a stock unless they realize good prices are not inclined to sell. Both exporters and mills cannot buy at these rates and business is very limited. Rates for forward are Rs. 3 to Rs. 4 higher. We think that there will be a further rise in the prices and before the Holidays commence if Rs. 315 are quoted we shall not be surprised and there is no knowing how far the market will rise.

We learn of the following purchases having been made to-day :—

Bales			Rs.
200	Barsee	...M. Bussan Kaisha	305/308
300	Khandesh	...Volkart Bros	261/262
200	Nagpore	... do ...	290
300	Barsee	... do ...	305/308
200	Bhusaval	...Morarji Mills ...	265
100	Methia	... do ...	265
300	Parbani	...Japan Cotton Trading Co ...	308
200	Bengal	...Greaves Cotton & Co	263
200	Hinganghat	...Hindustan ...	290

We quote :—

	Dec. Rs.	Jan. Rs.
Bengal Fine ...	263	265
" F. Good ...	253	255
Khandesh Fine ...	25	261
" F. Good...	259	255
Amraoti Fine ...	276	270
Akola Khangaum Fine...	273	273
Dhamangaon Poolgaon Fine...	280	275
Yeotmal Fine ...	285	280
Nagpore Fine ...	290	285
Wardha Hinganghat Fine...	295	293
Methia Fine ...	268	265
Broach Fine ...	283	March
" Gin Good ...	307	"
Sawginned " ...	307	May
Westerns ginned machine	299	"
Coompta " ...	315	"

Daily arrivals of Cotton by rail and sea during 48 hours ending 6 p.m. on Monday, 20th Dec. 1909 :—

Khandesh	6,402 Bales.
Central India	761 "
Barsi and Nagur	1,836 "
Berar	1,463 "
Central Provinces	2,252 "
Oomras	12,814 "
Dholera	306 "
Coompta and Dharwar ...	30 "
Bengals (N. W. P.)	4,246 "
Bengals (Rajputana)	628 "
Sind	485 "
Broach	15 "
Total	18,524 Bales.

LIVERPOOL, 21st December.

Opening Tone and Prices.

Opening Tone	Flat.
Estimated Sales	4,000
Total Imports	8,000

Future Delivery Prices :—

Dec.—Jan. ...	7·86 same.
Jan.—Feb. ...	7·89 "
Feb.—Mar. ...	7·92 — 1
Mar.—Apl. ...	7·96 same.
Apl.—May. ...	7·97 — 1
May—June ...	8·00 same.
June—July ...	7·99 "
July—Aug. ...	7·98 "
Aug.—Sept. ...	7·70 "

FREIGHTS.

Ports.	This month.	Next month.
Antwerp	15 6	15 6
Dunkirk	15 6	15 0
Havre	16 0	16 0
Hull	15 0	15 0
Liverpool	15 6	15 6
Marseilles	15 6	15 6
Genoa	15 6	15 0
London	.....	.....
Hamburg	15 6	15 6
Trieste	18 0	17 0
Venice	18 0	17 0
Open Ports ...	...Feb. to May	15 6

Rates are unchanged. Business is steady.

METALS.

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		77	
		84	
Yellow Metal Sheets		21	
		28	
		35	
		42	Rs. 48 6
		49	
		56	
Tin Ingots.		...	" 41 12
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	M M	...	" 19 4
	J	...	
	G	...	
Georgahatte		...	" 22 4
Copper Ingots	K S	...	" 49 12
Copper Sheetings ...	lbs. 8, 10, 12, 14		" 62 0
Yellow Metal Sheetings ...	lbs. 14, 16		47/49
	10, 12		

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

MONDAY, December 20.

From	Vessels.	Importers.	SILVER. Coin.	Govt. of India Rupees.	Dollars.	Bullion.	GOLD. Coin.	Other Coin.	Sova. and half Sova.	Bullion.	No. of Packages.
Jeddah	Majidi	H. K. H. Moti and E. Fazal		Rs. 500					Rs. 2,700		1 Bundle
do	Linga										1 Bundle

EXPORTS OF BAR SILVER FROM BOMBAY BY RAIL on 18th and 19th December 1909.

By	Bars.	Ounces.
G. I. P. Railway ...	54	62 979
B. B. & C. I. Railway...	83	95,749

DAILY EXPORTS.—DEC. 21.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Northwales s—85,710 cwts cottonseed Ralli Bros.

FOR LONDON.

Arabia s—150 bales hem R. Rave and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Ville-de-la-Ciotat s—990 cwts teelseed, 2,580 cwts goundnuts J. Fachiri.

Luzon s—2,475 cwts gingellyseed J.Fachiri.

Elizabeth s—17,139 cwts cottonseed, Ralli Bros.

FOR BARCELONA.

Ville-de-la Ciotat s—15 bales hemp, R Reeve and Co; 180 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co.

FOR HULL.

Dido s—110 cwts cottonseed, Volkart Bros; 687 cwts cottonseed, A Khimji.

Hindoo s—150 bales hemp, P Bhimji; 232 cwts hides fleshing. Edward Wolf.

King Malcolm s—8,000 cwts cottonseed, T Mamraj.

FOR LEITH.

Umsingha s—26,939 cwts cottonseed, Ralli Bros.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Ancroft s—1,000 tons manganese ore, Killick Nixon and Co; 200 bales cotton, Glazbrook and Co; 4,002 cwts nigerseed, A Blascheck and Co; 3,999 cwts poppyseed, and 3,999 cwts gingellyseed, E D Sassoon and Co; 55 bales cotton, J A Begbie and Co; 550 bales cotton, E Spinner and Co; 100 bales hemp, P Bhimji; 20 bales cotton, Glazbrook and Co; 3,232 cwts teelseed, and 500 cwts poppyseed, Ralli Bros; 3,000 cwts teelseed, L Drefuse and Co.

Woods s—2,001 cwts gingellyseed, A Blascheck and Co; 2,001 cwts poppyseed, E D Sassoon and Co; 330 bales cotton, The Bombay and Co.

FOR ANTWERP.

Culna s—55 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co; 3,000 cwts gingellyseed, J Fachiri; 204 cwts gum P Jethabhoy; 385 bales cotton, E Spinner and Co; 110 bales cotton, A Morits and Co.

Jerseymoor s—3,999 cwts gingellyseed, E D Sassoon and Co.

King Malcolm s—5,500 cwts castorseed, and 2,300 cwts mowraseed, Ralli Bros.

FOR HAMBURG.

Kybfels s—1,437 cwts myrabollams, S Cooverji and Co; 2,000 cwts mowraseed E D Sassoon and Co; 35 bales aloe fibre, T Purshotam and Co; 505 bales cotton, A Blascheck and Co.

FOR GENOA.

Luzon s—200 bales cotton Glade and Co; 500 tons old iron T Hakimji and Sons; 200 bales cotton A Moritz and Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

China s—110 bales cotton D D Curranes and Co; 275 bales cotton A Moritz and Co; 220 bales cotton The New Mofussil and Co; 110 bales cotton W Wolf and Sons; 4,483 cwts linseed and 2,215 cwts gingellyseed Killick Nixon and Co; 1,200 cwts gingellyseed, 2,009 cwts rapeseed Ralli Bros.

Africa s—495 bales cotton Gaddum and Co; 55 bales cotton J A Begbie and Co; 1,175 bales cotton Blascheck; 550 bales cotton A Moritz and Co, 511 bales cotton The Bombay and Co; 110 bales cotton E Spinner and Co; 105 cwts gum S Cooverji and Co.

FOR VENICE.

China s—75 bales cotton A Moritz and Co.

Africa s—50 bales cotton A Moritz and Co; 200 bales cotton A Blascheck and Co.

FOR FIUME.

China s—2,001 cwts gingellyseed J Fachiri.

Africa s—55 bales cotton A Blascheck and Co; 40 bales cotton The Bombay and Co.

FOR ODESSA.

Africa s—187 cwts gum olibanum, S Cooverji and Co; 412 cwts gum olibanum R Damji and Co; 500 cwts myrabollams T Canji.

FOR HAVRE.

Ville-de-la-Ciotat s—3 pots rosa oil A Currim and Co.

FOR KOBE.

Begum s—552 bales cotton M B Kaisha; 400 bales cotton The Japan Cotton Trading and Co.

Vermont s—600 bales cotton Tata Sons and Co; 700 bales cotton B Jairaz and Co; 400 bales cotton, Glazebrook and Co; 100 bales cotton, H N Madrasawalla and Co; 105 bales cotton, M B Kaisha; 400 bales cotton, S Framji and Co.

Vorwaerts s—500 bales cotton, A W Campbell and Co.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

Vermont s—100 bales cotton, Glazebrook and Co.

Bombay Maru s—50 cwts gum, C M Bhesania and Co; 490 bales cotton, M B Kaisha.

Devanha s—8,314 cwts moyeteeth H Rawji.

FOR YOKKAICHI.

Bombay Maru s—100 bales, cotton, Tata Sons and Co.

FOR MOJI.

Bombay Maru s—340 bales cotton, M B Kaisha.

Begum s—417 bales cotton, M B Kaisha.

FOR OSAKA.

Vorwaerts s—240 bales cotton, Tata Sons and Co.

Vermont s—690 bales cotton, Glazebrook and Co; 100 bales cotton, H N Madrasawalla and Co; 400 bales cotton, R D Master and Co.

IMPORTS,

A. L. S. N. Company's steamer Vorwaerts 3,727 tons, Captain B. Bednerz, arrived in harbour on Monday from Trieste with the following cargo :—

3,500 sugar, 300 almonds, 9 marbles, 7 drugs, 15 papers, 14 gum myrrh, 3 genda horns, 933 gum, 1,576 gum olibanum, 75 planks, 67 mineral water, 10 gum condense, 28 skins, 30 shark fins.

A. L. S. N. Company's steamer Africa, 2,555 tons, Captain S. Seberich, arrived in harbour on Monday from Trieste with the following cargo :—

946 glass bangles, 454 glassware, 23 rubber shoes 553 papers, 252 nails, 35 beer, 51 aniline colour 114 soap, 140 playing cards, 441 safety matches 134 coffee, 2,650 sugar, 9 waste silk yarn, 503 gum, 200 almonds, 1 tortoise shell, 4 nakhla, 10 cigarettes, 43 silk yarn, 513 gum alibanum, 32 skins, 4 old copper and brass ware, 20 bethran, 4 gum myrrh, 3 gum coarse, 491 cottons.

A. L. S. N. Company's steamer China, 3,868 tons Captain G. Berguglian, arrived in harbour on Monday from China with the following cargo:—

FROM KOBE.

1,099 copper, 25 refined camphore, 10 glass ware,

FROM SINGAPORE.

3,963 planks.

FROM PENANG

55 damer, 171 rattens, 137 sago, 416 betelnuts, 8 mace. 4 nutmegs,

S. S. Waroonga 1,609 tons Captain W. Morrison, arrived in harbour on Tuesday from Persian Gulf and Karachi with the following cargo :—

FROM MAHOMERAH.

22 skins, 16 wool, 566 gum, 211 almonds, 14 cotton, 200 wet dates, 16 reeds, 29 linseed.

FROM BUSCHRA.

5,491 wet dates, 608 dry dates, 100 almonds, 3 carpets, 66 galls, 5 quince seed, 9 hazelnuts, 4 gazabun, 12 cotton.

FROM KARACHI.

100 rice, 25 raisins, 14 goat skins.

THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, DECEMBER 21.

The depression in Persia his caused heavy rain in Jask and has overcast the skies in Baluchistan but has greatly diminished in intensity. The disturbed conditions in the central parts of the country have disappeared after giving a few light falls of rain in Nagpur and the Central Provinces. The skies accordingly are almost cleared in these areas and in the north-east of India.

Forecast—A light local precipitation Baluchistan is likely.

BOMBAY DAILY WEATHER REPORT FOR THE 21ST DECEMBER.

Summary of observations recorded at 8 hours on Tuesday, the 21st December, 1909, giving data for the preceding 24 hours.

The Punjab.—Light to moderate cloud has appeared in the east Punjab and the extreme north but elsewhere skies are clear. Humidity is in excess. Maximum temperature is indefect nearly everywhere; the minimum is normal.

The United Provinces.—Skies are generally clear. The moisture in the air is either equal to or above the average. Day temperature is in defect only in the extreme western districts; night temperature is nearly normal.

Sind and Rajputana.—Skies are lightly clouded in Sind and the adjacent parts of Rajputana and clear elsewhere. Humidity is normal. Temperature is normal in Sind but in defect in Rajputana.

Gujarat, Kathiawar and Central India West.—Skies are generally clear. The moisture in the air does not differ much from the average. Day temperature is in defect in West Central India and at Rajkot; night temperature is in defect only in Cutch.

The Central Provinces.—Nagpur records 0·21" of rain. Skies are clear or only lightly clouded in the northern half of the division but moderately clouded in the southern half. Humidity is in excess in Berar and at Raipur but nearly normal elsewhere. Maximum temperature remains in defect; the minimum continues in excess at most stations.

The Konkan.—Skies are clear. The air continues damper. Temperature is normal except for a defect during the day at Ratnagiri.

The Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.—Skies are moderately clouded in the north Bombay Deccan and north Hyderabad but clear or only lightly clouded elsewhere. Humidity is normal or in excess. Maximum temperature is normal except at Aurangabad where it is 9° in defect; the minimum is in excess nearly everywhere.

General Remarks.—Nagpur and Madras record light falls of rain. Cloud is decreasing in the Central Provinces. Light to moderate cloud has appeared over Sind and the greater portion of the Punjab, due to the eastward advance of the disturbance from tha west which has caused 1·78" of rain at Jask. Precipitation in the plains of north-west India does not, however, seem likely. Conditions off the Coromandel Coast continue slightly unsettled.

Dry weather is likely nearly everywhere.

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IN THE STREAM

H M S Hyacinth.....Capt Dick .....Flagship

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—Dec. 21.

Arabia ..... 4148 Leigh .....P & O S N Co
Ancroft.....2106 Sproson .....
Africa .....3565 Seberich.....A L S N & Co
Brilliant.....3603 Morrison .....Standard Oil Co
Britannia.....1939 Halse .....Bo & H S & Co
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Caledonia .....3529 W Hayward.....P & O S N Co
Clan Macdogall...3112 Hayward ... James Finlay & Co
Circassia .....4315 Osborne.....W & A Graham & Co
Dinad-le Hall...2534 Browne .....W F Graham & Co
Elizabeth .....2876 Fajeach .....Ralli Bros
Hindoo.....3156 Groves.....J Finlay & Co
Iran.....4066 Peabody.....Killick Nixon & Co
Kaiser.....1714 ...Holdt...Zanjibar...23 12...A Strinels
Kybfels.....3179 Stryeker.....W & A Graham & Co
Kola.....510 Ramage.....M M & Co
Kistail.....2252 Griffith.....
Kasara .....504 Elton.....M M & Co
Luzon .....3181 L Randie .....
Majidi.....1857 Newly.....B & P S N Co
Nizam.....2041 Morgon.....Turner Morrison & Co
Nadir.....2041 Bizv .....T Morrison & Co
Northwales .....2382 Owen W & A .....Graham & Co
Okhla.....3435 Lemachand .....M M & Co
Polunda.....723 Burton .....Moyaten.....F Plant
Purley .....2785 A L Pritchett.....
Querimba.....4933.....Smith M M & Co
Sanctoria...2378 Ward.....The Bombay & Co
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Strathgerry.....2840 Stanhope W & A...Graham & Co
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Vadala.....2164 Peck.....M M & Co
Verwaerts .....3727 Bedney .....A L S N & Co
Wooda.....2460 Hughes.....T T W & Co
Wiesenfels.....2458 Reimers .....W & A Graham & Co
Waroonga.....1609 Morrison .....M M & Co

VESSELS IN DOCK.—Dec. 21.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Dest.	Date.	Agents.
A Asavya	4359	Jones			P & O S N Co
C & R Culna	3363	Maclachlan	Antwerp	10-12	M M & Co
S King Malcolm	2823	Thomas	Antwerp		T Morrison & Co
G Haidari	1563	Gray	Zanzibar	11-12	B & P S N Co
K Begum	2942	Nicoll			T M & Co
P Umsinga	1839	Robertson	Seith	15-12	W & A Graham & Co

H W P D

Sarsvati...413 Ahmed...Mangalore...17 12...B S N & Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

6 Jerseymoor...2363 A W Stonehouse...Liverpool...15 12 T Morrison & Co
8 Bombay Maru...2398 Ivans...Kobe...24 12 ...N Y Kaisha
10&11 Devanha...4784 Powel...Shanghai...22-12 P & O Co

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From
21	Waroonga s	Morrison.....	Bushehr, Dec. 12
	Nasara s	Elton	Bushire, Dec. 10
	Circassia s	Osborne	Liverpool, Nov 27
	Okhla s	Lemarchand...	Calcutta, Dec. 5
	Kistail s	Griffith.....	Karachi, Dec. 19

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
21	Silbrides	Macfarlane...	Calcutta
	Olympia s	Tait.....	Liverpool
	Dido s	Sunton	Hull
	St Bride s	Nicoll.....	Hull & Dunkirk
	Fairdas	Reddock.....	Rangoon
	Swalefale s	Field	Calcutta

The following vessels began to load on Tuesday :—
Steamer Hindoo for Hull.
" Waroonga for Persian Gulf.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer Bregenz, from Bombay, arrived at Aden on the 21st instant.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LT.-COL. R. W. L. DUNLOP, V. D.

Bombay, 22nd December.

646.—Detail for the week ending 25th instant.
To-day Wednesday 22nd inst.—"G" Coy. parade at the Gymkhana at 7-15 a.m.
Dress.—Drill Order, Mufti.
II.—Commanding Officer's Parade.—Fall in at Sir Richard Temple's Statue at 6 p.m.
Dress.—Drill Order, Uniform with Caps.
Subject.—Picquet duty on roads in Fort.
Sections 70-92 Combined Training 1909.
647.—Proficiency Class.—A Proficiency Class will be started early in January, those wishing to appear this season should submit their names to the Adjutant by the 24th instant.
648.—Leave.—The Commanding Officer has been pleased to grant leave of absence to No. 5110 Vol. A. Vincent, "D" Coy. from 13th December 1909 to 31st March 1910.

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Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. of the 21st December 1909.
(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

Via	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time Occupied in Transmission Hrs.	Min.
Turkey ...	20	8	35 p.m.	15	53
Teheran ..	21	12	50 p.m.	2	8
Suez	21	14	10 p.m.	0	49

NOTICES.

Cable Assab Perim interrupted. Telegrams for Erythrea and Abyssinia are forwarded via Suakim, without additional charge (9-11-09).
Communication with Persian offices "Abvaz" and "Mohammereh" interrupted. Telegrams being posted from "Borazjoon" (11-11-09.)
Cable Obock Djibouti interrupted. Telegrams for Djibouti forwarded daily from Obock by boat (21-11 09).

THE second Aero and Motor-boat Exhibition, promoted by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, is to be held at Olympia next March. The first aero show held by the Society last March was not a success financially, but it is hoped that now aviation is of such universal interest the exhibition next spring will be successful. It is expected that the show will be the only one of its kind in Europe next year.

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The Bombay Gazette.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22, 1909.

THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

IT is not surprising that the constituencies at Home show signs of flagging interest in the electoral campaign. The festive season is upon them and prospective voters prefer its claims to those of the politician. Activities began too early. The Unionists appear to have been wise to defer their whirlwind to open after the holidays. They have permitted ttheir opponents not only to show their hand but also to play themselves out. Having exhausted their store of invective, for the time being, they may rest. Meanwhile, the electors will have leisure to study the soberly worded political articles, which are appearing in the magazines and which will enlighten them, as to the pros and cons of every plank in both platforms, much more effectually than excited speeches from eager candidates, who illuminate their observations with party as well as local colouring. Such an article as we refer to appears in this month's *Blackwood* wherein an anonymous writer, argues that Liberalism is underrating the intelligence of the people; and, judging from the pithy scraps of the speeches with which Reuter supplies us from day to day, we believe he correctly states the situation. This doubtless accounts for the secessions of which we hear, and the lack of unanimity which may wreck the Party's chances of success. "It is not the business of the Tories," observes the writer, "to wish well to their opponents, but no Tory who believes in the party system, desires to see the other national party in an unconscious and degrading alliance with the common enemy. No party can endure without principles; and until Liberalism foregoes its unintelligent worship of democracy and adopts a more manly and rational line of thought, it will remain estranged from the serious and thinking element in the nation." Democracy, in the class sense, in which it is now used, has never been triumphant since the world began, we are reminded. The masses, when they have won, have won only because they had reason fighting for them. Labour cannot for long coerce capital, if capital be in the right, and the power of members is apt to crumble suddenly before organised intelligence. Moreover, the new democrats are not really looking at the masses at all. "Their eyes are filled by the electoral machine and they see the worker through the distorting medium of the election agent. We have had great popular leaders in our history, but they have held their places by respecting their followers and giving them of their best."

These conclusions form part of the ruminations of *Blackwood's* writer, who mourns over "the intellectual bankruptcy of Liberalism" and the fact that we live in an era of small men. At the outset he quotes a Liberal journal, which after an excursion into history, returned with the comfortable news that most of the great men of the past had been Liberals, whereas to-day the great jurists, economists, scientists and scholars are on the other side, but few subscribing to the Radical programme. They disapprove of modern methods, for whereas, Bright and Gladstone sought their justification in an intellectual appeal, and if they used emotion as an ally, did not forget that their first line of defence was elsewhere, their successors rely on emotion and omit intellectual appeal. "The fault of the elder Liberals lay in too rigid a devotion to the laws of practical reason, a dapper proof blinded their eyes often to the shallowness of the data on which it was based. But at any rate they did not forswear the cause of sound argument. They accused their opponents of obscurantism and declared that, for themselves, they would walk only in the full light of day. In Dr. Johnson's phrase, they demanded in their policy not only reasons, but reason." Free Trade and Tariff Reform make precisely the same rational appeal, and serious students of politics may be excused looking now, as in the days of Bright and Gladstone, for authoritative names in support of each. Instead of finding them supporting the Liberal programme, we discover the chief experts in national finance, Sir Robert Giffen and Professor Bastable, have as little liking for the new Budget as the great bankers, financiers and captains of industry; the new Liberal constitutional doctrines being repudiated by every authority of note from Professor Goldwin Smith to Professor Dicey and Sir William Anson. Further, it is shown that "no lawyer of repute, save their own law officers, has countenanced their innovation with regard to common-law rights in trade disputes. Their social adventures have met with small support from those who have most seriously and scientifically studied the condition of the poor. All their chief measures have been raked fore and aft with the most critical fire."

Granting the Liberal Party full credit for sincerity and patriotism, fault is found with the weekly intellectual equipment of their creed. And we are asked to believe that the reason of this descent from the old, proud, rational Liberalism, is the confused notion of democracy. Says *Blackwood's* contributor: "A shrewd observer some years back might have prophesied what was going to happen by observing the nonsense beginning to be talked about democracy. Those who voted Liberal at the polls were labelled the Democracy and the last word in praise of a measure was that it was democratic. But democracy is not a quality, nor is it a class; it is a type of government. Under it the ultimate power is in the hands of the whole body of citizens; which is to say that whatever the majority of the people seriously want they must get." It is not sought to deny that the most universal and most successful form of Government to-day is the democratic. The explanation of this is that by giving the mass of people the sense of power, it gives them contentment. The decision of the Lords to refer the Budget to the people is an acknowledgment of the rights of the democracy, and as such should be regarded by them; but it is remarkable that the Liberal leaders will not so present it to the constituencies. They resent the insinuation that they do not represent the voice and the views of the people. But it may be they will discover that the constituencies are against them. Though so far all the shouting has been on their side, the inevitable lull will not be without effect, and we shall hear more from the other side after the New Year. Arguments rather than battle-cries will be demanded and the speeches of the past few weeks may prove to have been absolut l y valueless.

PEACE IN THE BALKANS. POLITICAL events are again moving in the Balkan States, and the relations of Servia and Bulgaria will be an interesting study to the publicist during the next few months. It seems strange to associate the word "Balkans" with anything but war and strife, but the present movement, if observers of events in the Servian capital have not drawn false conclusions, is a pacific one, and the notion of a Balkan Confederation has been revived with some prospect of fulfilment. The current rumours arise from the recent visit which King Ferdinand paid to King Peter at Belgrade. In official circles it is denied that the visit was anything more than a private one. The general opinion in the capital, however, where the visit has been the one topic of conversation among the people, is that very great political significance should be attached to it. This view is fostered by the knowledge that a Serbo-Bulgarian Customs Union is by no means a remote possibility and that the formation of a Balkan Confederation has certainly been mooted in some quarters.

The idea of a Confederation of the Balkan States has long been entertained by statesmen in the countries concerned, but the jealousies of the Powers, and more particularly Austrian ambitions, have prevented its ever being more than a dream. The present movement is the result of the break up of the Concert of Europe by the Austrian annexation of Bosnia-Herzegovina and has been fostered by Russia and Italy, who will henceforth act in unison on Balkan matters. Turkey has been believed to favour a union of the Balkan States, and it is rumoured that Enver Bey will shortly visit Belgrade in order to arrange for the inclusion of Turkey in the proposed Confederation. The Turkish Ambassador at Rome has been interviewed on this point by one of the Roman papers and he only gave a qualified denial to the report. He said that if such negotiations ever took place they would be conducted through quite different channels. Not only did his denial go no further than this, but he affirmed the common interests of Turkey, Bulgaria and Roumania, and declared that Turkey's feelings of friendship towards the other Balkan States were such, that if they were reciprocated, the Confederation might be considered an accomplished fact. This authoritatively settles the attitudes of the Young Turks. The question is whether Servia and Bulgaria, while desiring a closer union between themselves have any desire for nearer relations with Turkey. At present possibly they do not but evidently the seeds of a rapprochement have been sown and once more big events are in the making.

COMFORT FOR THEATRE-GOERS. ACCORDING to the account of Miss Gertrude Kingston, theatre-goers in Germany are far better treated in the matter of arrangements for their comfort than are their brothers and sisters in England. The problem of the wardrobe has been thought out with characteristically metriculous care so that it may not prove merely a source of delay and irritation instead of a wise precaution. There is an attendant and cloak rack to each class of seat and the number of the seat corresponds to the cloak-room ticket, for which in some case a charge of twopence is made. This is a matter which does not largely affect Indian theatre-goers who carry few wraps with them, but in one other respect India might well follow Germany. Everyone knows how difficult it is to find one's cab after leaving the theatre. In Germany the system has been introduced of an attendant enquiring at the outset whether a cab is required. If so, a ticket is given bearing a number and, on leaving the theatre, a cab with a similar ticket is waiting and called. The result is that it is known in advance about how many cabs will be required and there is no waiting if there is a larger number than usual required. A police regulation also exists that the cabman who drives up must demand his fare some yards before he gets to the entrance of the theatre, and so avoid the irksome wait at the door while other peple just in front of him are fumbling for change, a delay that invariably occurs if anyone is late for the opening scene. "It may be argued," says Miss Kingston, "that these are all vexing restrictions for the Englishman who likes to take his own time to come into his stall and to keep hold of his own fur coat, brushing the back hair of every spectator, more punctual than himself, and tearing laces and chiffon on his road; but therein lies, I contend, that disrespectful treatment of the drama that I so bitterly resent." It is precisely this painstaking habit of the Germans of making things easy for the man of moderate means, that is all part and parcel of the scheme to facilitate and encourage the custom of visiting the theatre in the same manner that any other trade or industry is nursed into prosperity.

THE COST OF FLYING. DESPITE the progress which has been made in aviation in the last two years, it would seem that the time is still far distant when flying will be within the reach of the man with a moderate income. A Committee of five aeronautical experts has worked out estimates on the cost of the working expenses of aerial passenger lines and the figures given as a result of their deliberations are somewhat startling. The cost of constructing an airship of approximately 282,500 cubic feet capacity together with a shed for its accommodation, would be about twenty thousand pounds; such a ship would be capable of carrying eighteen passengers besides the crew. Assuming that ascents could be made on 200 days in the year, the annual working expenses are estimated at, approximately, £15,000, or £75 per working day. Even assuming that the airship carried a full complement of passengers on each trip, which is highly improbable, it is clear that each passenger would have to pay more than £5 for a day's trip in order to cover the working expenses and to yield a small margin of profit. In view of the fact that the proprietors would have to reckon with a smaller number of passengers on many days, the fares would have to be appreciably higher. Assuming that, instead of undertaking all-day trips, the airship were able to make half a dozen ascents per day, the fares would still have to be fixed at from £1 to £1 10s. per hour. It is fairly clear, therefore, that flight must remain a sport of the rich for some time to come. The cost of a flying machine as distinct from an airship is, of course, very much lower and within the reach of the majority who can afford large motor cars, but the dangers which are run of an accident, which shall destroy the whole machine, make even this branch of flying so expensive that only the few will be able to afford it so that the "darkened sky" which was threatened by certain writers is not a danger which need be feared for a long time to come.

SIR GUY FLEETWOOD WILSON will shoot in the Sunderbands during Christmas week.

COLONEL BONHAM CARTER, Superior Establishment, retires from Government Service.

THE Maharaja of Jodhpore will reach Calcutta to-day.

THE Maharaja of Patiala has donated Rs. 5,000 to the Kasauli Pasteur Institute.

THE twelfth anniversary of the Central Hindu College will be held on January 19th and 20th.

THE prices of food enquiry will be undertaken this spring and details are now under consideration.

LATOR SHEIK who was arrested in connection with the Andul dacoity, has been discharged for want of identification.

A DEPUTATION from the Khojah community of Rangoon will leave on Saturday for Bombay to greet H. H. the Aga Khan, who is expected here on 31st December from Europe.

THE New Year parade will be held on a big scale at Calcutta and all troops in Fort William Dum Dum and Barrackpore, and the local Volunteers will take part.

MR. F. C. HARRISON, I. C. S, now on special duty in the Finance Department, proceeds on long leave in February and subsequently retires from service.

THE preliminary survey of the Chittagong and Zadabin Railway is practically completed, and the project is now under the consideration of the Burma Government.

NINE men arrested in connection with the Nangla dacoity will be tried under the Crimes Act and placed before the Magistrate of Khulna, Mr. Hamilton on the 24th for preliminary enquiry.

SIR T. R. WYNNE is proceeding to Bombay and Bikaner on tour. He will travel down slowly to Bombay and inspect the landing of the heaviest cotton traffic which the G. I. P. Railway had for years. He will join the Maharaja of Bikaner's shooting party.

MILITARY MATTERS.

The Vienna Poisoning Mystery.

FRENCH MILITARY AVIATION.

(FROM OUR MILITARY CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DECEMBER 3.

THE extraordinary and mysterious crime which for the past ten days has been the chief topic of conversation among the peoples of the Dual Monarchy has had a development, which it is believed will clear up the affair. A Staff Officer has been arrested on the charge of sending the poisonous pills to members of the General Staff in Vienna, and with causing the death of Captain Mader, who died instantly after taking one of the pills in question. Public opinion has all along been inclined to the belief that the perpetrator of the outrage was an officer and this view appears to be borne out by the alleged facts.

As the matter was one concerning an officer on active service, the Police, before apprehending him, were obliged to secure possession of what on the face of it seemed to be almost incontrovertible evidence of guilt. It was, therefore, only on Tuesday that Lieutenant Adolf Hofrichter, aged 28, stationed in garrison at Linz the capital of Upper Austria, was after an examination lasting eight hours, deprived of his sword, and brought in custody to Vienna, where he arrived last night. It is only fair to say that Lieutenant Hofrichter, in the face of a long and wearisome inquiry, during which some most damaging matters were brought to his notice, remained calm and unembarrassed, and persisted in declaring his innocence. It is indeed strange that if he is guilty he should have neglected the most elementary precautions in carrying out a crime so carefully planned.

It appears that the first clue was furnished by a brother officer at Linz, to whom Lieutenant Hofrichter had sent pills as a joke on the former's name-day. These were contained in one of the boxes so often described in the papers, and bore on the cover words for the name-day, with the date "9-11-09." This box was forwarded to the Vienna authorities, who rapidly followed up the quest. The officer above mentioned was at the Military Academy with Lieutenant Hofrichter. The latter had passed successfully all his examinations, but had not been promoted to the General Staff, as were most of those to whom the poisonous pills were sent. Others who also received the pills stood next on the list for probable promotion owing to their brilliant examinations. The theory is that, by causing the death of the latest promoted officers, vacancies would have been created to be filled by those first lieutenants, among whom was Lieutenant Hofrichter, whose success in the examinations had placed them next in rank. It is known that some of these gentlemen had also received poison under the guise of a nerve restorer.

Inquiries set on foot at Linz revealed the fact that two chemists there had sold to Lieutenant Hofrichter wafers in which pills are wrapped, and the purchase of boxes and envelopes was traced to other shops, where Lieutenant Hofrichter always appeared in uniform. Two of these boxes were found in his quarters, together with some copying-press ink. A similarity between the handwriting of the fictitious "Charles Francis" and that of the accused officer is also relied on as strong evidence. It has, moreover, been shown that on the day when the letters were placed in a letter-box at Vienna, Lieutenant Hofrichter was himself in the Austrian capital, having received leave of absence to travel in Bohemia.

Down to the present it has not been established where the cyanide of potassium was procurred. But, as Lieutenant Hofrichter was an enthusiastic photographer, it would be easy for him to obtain this chemical. So far, although the prisoner fainted on being deprived of his sword, no confession has been extorted from him. Military opinion is divided on the question of his guilt or innocence. His comrades at the Military Academy describe him as a reticent, but ambitious, man, whom no difficulties would keep back. Generals who know him and his military instructors express the hope that he will be proved innocent.

Lieutenant Hofrichter belongs to an old Bohemian family of glass manufacturers. He was married two years ago to a Viennese lady of good family, who is expecting to become a mother. As the accused is a soldier, his trial will take place in camera, but the verdict will be delivered with open doors and windows, in conformity with custom. In the event of a conviction for murder, execution by hanging takes place on the second day after sentence, but unless there is a confession the death penalty is commuted to twenty years' penal servitude.

ARMY AVIATION.

The Minister of War received a delegation of the Committees of the Senate and the Chamber on aerial locomation this morning. The delegates came to call his attention to the anxiety of members of their group at the progress made in other countries, especially in Germany, while aerial navigation seems to be stationary in France. The Minister assured them that the Government would soon submit a complete programme for material and construction to the Chambers, and that he had decided hereafter to offer greater encouragement to officers desiring to devote themselves to aviation or steerable ballooning. The Military Governor of Paris has, in fact, this very day issued a circular asking all the officers who desire to learn aviation and to become pilots of aeroplanes to send in their names. They will be given every opportunity of practice at Meudon, where three aeroplanes, the purchase of which has been ordered by the Minister of War, will be placed at their disposal.

EMPIRE'S VETERANS.

THE Earl of Dundonald, as the guest of the Veterans' Corps, at the anniversary dinner of that body, held at the Pillar Hall, Victoria Station, London, on Saturday evening, made an enthusiastic speech in support of that excellent movement. The Corps is the outcome of the Veteran Employment Bureau, which has done admirable service in finding suitable occupation for ex-soldiers and sailors and others. It numbers over 200, and 84·5 per cent. of those enrolled have been found employment. Lord Dundonald, who responded for "The Guests," expressed the opinion that the Veterans' Corps had a large field of usefulness in store for it; he looked forward to the time when it would be housed in a clubhouse which would be a home to many a retired soldier who longed for the companionship of the days that had passed away. The wonder to his mind was that the Veterans' Club was not started years ago. He believed it was in contemplation to erect other buildings in various centres of population throughout the country, and he would suggest the extentions of that movement to the Colonies, with the object of securing employment for the men. The Club would be managed by retired officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates working together for its good; it was by such combination that difficulties would be surmounted. It was his conviction that the results would surpass all the estimates which had been formed. He could not but think that their employment bureau was likely in the near future to have more applicants for work than employers desirous of utilising their services. Our system of so many years' service with the colours and so many with the Reserves was all very well so long as the Reserve man could get employment when he left the colours, but it was cruel to turn a man out, after his service with the colours to starve in an over-crowded labour market. From the point of view of kindly and just treatment to those who had risked their lives in the defence of the Empire he could not but think that a Government should take broad views of its responsibilities. Every man who had served his country should be given an opportunity of useful work, if that work could be provided remuneratively to the capital employed. Such work should be outdoor work. Except for a few localities in Great Britain, our own country did not seem to him to offer any real solution of this question. Nothing offered such a great prospect of success as our rich Colonial land—land added to the Empire by the valour of our soldiers and sailors in the past. With this object the attention of soldiers and sailors when serving their country, should be specially directed to the advantage of a settler's life. He had been informed that morning that at Woolwich there were at least 800 ex-soldiers out of employment, and that many Reservists were trying to live on the 6d per day which they received from the State. Surely it was only right for us to help those who had thus served us.

EMPLOYERS AND THE TERRITORIALS.

The great strides which have been made during the past year in obtaining the sympathetic support of employers throughout the United Kingdom, and the still greater strides which will doubtless be taken during the coming recruiting season, bid fair to arouse the hostility and envy of certain trade unions and federations. There are rumours afield that such bodies are no longer inclined to look with an eye of passive hostility at the progress made by patriots in obtaining from employers preferential treatment for men in their service who are members of the citizen Army. If rumour speaks sooth an active counter-attack is in contemplation. It is to be most sincerely hoped that this will never get further than the contemplative stage, but should it do so, the men of the Territorial Army can rest assured that the counter attack will be repulsed with heavy slaughter, and that they will win a victory which will place them in even a better position than they now enjoy.

Apart, however, from these considerations, perhaps the moment would not be inopportune to form an association of Territorial employers, in order that more uniformity might be introduced into the various concessions which various employers are prepared to make to citizen soldiers in their service. At present each employer makes his own conditions and these vary very greatly in generosity. We have first of all, the employer whose only concession is to allow his Territorials to take their annual holiday so as to coincide with his regimental camping period. Next in order come those economical ones who allow their men an additional week's leave without pay, provided they attend camp for a fortnight and, lastly, we have those generous employers, amongst whom are the vast majority of firms and public companies whose names are well known throughout the land, who, under similar provisoes, give their men an additional week's leave on full pay, or in some instances on full pay less their Territorial emoluments whilst in camp. It seems a pity that there should be so many different ways of doing the same thing. It is generally admitted by firms who have had experience in the matter that the man who spends a fortnight in camp and a week on his own private holiday-making comes back greatly refreshed to his work, and that it is well worth the employer's while to accord the additional week's leave. It may be argued that on this basis, provided the man spends the whole of his fortnight's leave in camp, the additional week is unnecessary. It is all very well for the theorist to argue on these lines, but let him go and try it himself! He will soon agree that it is too much to expect of a man to devote the whole of his fifteen days annual holiday to soldiering. The Territorial is but human after all, and is handicapped with all the normal weaknesses of the mere man. He has doubtless other ties and calls upon his time; a wife, or mother, or sweetheart, who expects him to spend at least a portion of his annual holiday in her company. The result is that the man who only gets bare fifteen days, holiday only goes to camp for eight, or perhaps ten days at the outside, and thus misses the five most valuable days of the annual training. If it were possible to form an association of employers of labour in each county, under the auspices of the county association—and there is no reason to doubt the practicability of such a scheme—then the vast majority of employers might be expected to come into line, and having decided upon the most just and economical method of dealing with the problem, would agreed to deal with it all in the same manner.

Those Territorial officers who have studied the question are almost uniformly agreed that the following concessions would be all that the men could desire, and at the same time not exceed what the majority of employers would be prepared to concede:

1. Fifteen days' leave, on full pay, at the time of annual camp, provided camp is attended for the full period.

2. Eight days' leave, at the convenience of the firm, on full pay, less one shilling a day.

The present custom of deducting from the pay that actually earned by the man whilst in camp would appear somewhat unjust. Take the following example A and B are both clerks of twenty-five years of age, earning a salary of 30s; A has been a Territorial for seven years and has risen to the dignity of sergeant; B, on the other hand, has only just been induced to enlist, and only draws is a day in pay, whilst A is drawing 2s. 4d—and if married a good deal more. For the extra week's leave granted by the firm A has to refund 18s. 8d. whilst B refunds only 8s. to the firm. There seems to be no good reason why the firm should profit by A's seven years' patriotism and zeal to the extent of over 10s. more, especially when it is remembered that as a member of the sergeant's mess he will be put to considerably greater expense than his colleague in the ranks. It would seem only fair to let A profit by his own good work in the past and pocket the additional 10s. 8d. he earns from the Government. Such a system would mean little pecuniary loss to the firm, and would add an increased stimulus for a man to desire promotion.

THE recent heavy rain has resulted in flood in the Chenab River.

A NEW commodious small-pox ward has been added to the Campbell Medical Hospital at a cost of Rs. 65,000 of which Rs. 40,000 came from the Lady Minto Fete Fund and Rs. 25,000 from Government.

FIFTY Ranchi Military Police, composed mainly of Gurkhas, headed by a Bengali Inspector were drafted to Kakinara on Monday evening. They will remain during the Bakrid in order to prevent any breach of the peace.

THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

GREAT FREE FOOD GIFT.

Christmas Apathy in Politics.

WHIRLWIND FIGHT IN THE NEW YEAR.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, DECEMBER 20.

Mr. Caird of Dundee, a manufacturer, has sent £10,000 to Mr. Churchill to be used in the Free Trade campaign.

Mr. Balfour is still indisposed. Mr. Haldane is suffering from inflammation of his eyes. Their respective engagements in Edinburgh to-night and to-morrow have been cancelled.

A feature of the electioneering is the way Christmas has frustrated the efforts to arouse enthusiasm. The country is generally remarkably apathetic, and the people are apparently determined not to allow interference with the seasonable festivities. Shopping in the large centres is infinitely keener than was anticipated.

Canvassers acknowledge the difficulty of instilling popular interest until after Christmastide. The so-called "Whirlwind Campaign" begins with the New Year.

The Conservatives especially declare they are concentrating their forces for a strenuous effort to the last fortnight. The organisers on both sides are principally working out details and fixing up candidates. Only one Unionist candidate is wanted and a few Liberals. The candidates in Scotland, owing to the heavy snow, have abandoned their engagements.

LONDON, DECEMBER 21.

A Labour demonstration took place in Glasgow yesterday evening. Six thousand people were present. A number of Indian students were on the platform.

Mr. Keir Hardie, in the course of a speech, announced that even if the Lords' judgment were unfavourable in the Osborne case, deciding whether a Parliamentary levy can be made compulsory, the Trade Unionists had no need for alarm, as financial provision was made for carrying on the Party's work for at least two years.

LONDON, DECEMBER 20.

At the final ballot, the Northumberland miners decided not to oppose Messrs. Burt and Penwick, who were mentioned on the 12th October as having seceded from the Labour Party.

LONDON, DECEMBER 21.

The Master Elibank is indisposed and has suspended his tour in Midlothian.

LATER.

The House of Lords have dismissed the appeal of the Trades Unionists in the famous Osborn case. This means that Trades Unions are not entitled to levy funds for the maintenance of parliamentary representatives.

A letter from Lord Rosebery says that it is clear that Government wants the Second Chamber of the future to be a pliant phantom and urges that Unionist leaders ought to give unmistakable pledge that, if they accede to power, to undertake to reform the Lords.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 21.

The London correspondent of the *Empire* wires to-day :—

"The most significant feature of the General Election is the prominent part which is being played by Lords Curzon, Milner and Cawdor. These three peers have thrown themselves heart and soul into the attempt to create party capital by stirring up feeling against Germany. Every speech they make is an attempt to divert attention from the main issue and focus it upon an anti-German scare. The Liberals are devoting themselves largely to denouncing and exposing this manœuvre."

THE LATE KING LEOPOLD.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, DECEMBER 20.

The Baroness Vaughan, widow of King Leopold, has arrived in Paris.

THE AUSTRALIAN STRIKE.

Gas Supply Gives Out.

LONDON, DECEMBER 20.

A telegram from Sydney states that 70,000 people will be without gas to-night, owing to the failure of the coal supply.

LONDON, DECEMBER 21.

A telegram from Melbourne states that non-Unionists are unloading the "Marmora" mentioned on the 17th. Lascars are unloading Natal coal from the "Clan Campbell."

NEW P. AND O. SHIPS ORDERED.

Increasing the Tonnage.

LONDON, DECEMBER 20.

The Peninsular and Oriental Company have ordered from Messrs. Harland and Wolff and Laird and Company two mail steamers of the "M" type of nearly 13,000 tons, for service to India, China, and Australia.

NORTH POLE CONTROVERSY.

Dr. Cook's Records Discounted at Copenhagen.

LONDON, DECEMBER 21.

The Copenhagen University has examined Doctor Cook's records and states they contain no proof of his having reached the Pole.

MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS.

LONDON, DECEMBER 20.

Mr. Strachey has been appointed to the new post of Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture. Mr. William Ward, M.P., is appointed Treasurer of the Household.

GREAT FIRE AT CLAPHAM.

Heavy Loss of Life.

SHOP ASSISTANTS IN A PANIC.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, DECEMBER 21.

A fire has occurred and destroyed the premises occupied by Messrs. Arding and Hobbs, drapers, at Clapham. It originated in the Christmas decorations and broke out while shopping was at its busiest. Three hundred and fifty employees were on the premises, and were seized with panic and jumped out of the windows. Three were killed and many injured.

It is feared that bodies remain in the debris. An acre of buildings was gutted. The fire was of two hours' duration and the firemen behaved heroically.

Mr. John Burns, residing near, commandeered soldiers and sailers who were holiday making, and organised a bucket brigade and directed and assisted in tearing down the inflammable decorations in the streets. He proceeded to a Liberal meeting, where the audience were amazed at the muddy, soaked and smoke begrimed figure.

The meeting adjourned immediately.

A Conservative meeting at Battersea also adjourned without speeches. The "Dead March in Saul" was on played the organ.

LATER.

There were six deaths in the Clapham fire. It is feared that some of the customers are among the debris.

MAHOMEDAN DINNER IN LONDON.

Advice to Students.

LONDON, DECEMBER 21.

The annual dinner of the Mahomedan Anglo-Oriental College Association was held last night. Lord Reay presided. Sir H. Barnes, Sir Charles Lyall, Sir R. West, Sir M. Bhownagree, Sir F. Pollock, and others were present.

Sir A. Arundel, proposing the toast of the Association, said that the elevation of Mr. Amir Ali to the Privy Council showed that India was no longer regarded as a mere annexe but as a vital and important member of the British Empire.

Mr. Ameer Ali, proposing the guests, said that the sympathy and friendship of Englishmen would be retained so long as students carry out the great tasks before them in a spirit of loyalty not only to Government but to themselves and the community.

THE PERSIAN AFFAIRS.

Russian Consuls Robbed.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, DECEMBER 21.

The *Civil and Military Gazette's* Shiraz correspondent writing on 29th says: "Fassik and Kadlobouski, Russian Consuls, who were recently robbed, returned there the day previous with the remnant of the caravan and the body of the killed Russian Cossack. In all 82 mules and loads were captured.

The correspondent takes a much less serious view of the incidents of the 29th November at Teheran than the other correspondents. He writes that on the night of the 28th a policeman shot a drunken man dead for accusing the Governor. To-day the town was in a tumult. The body was taken to the palace and the Governor was publicly cursed. The mob then began throwing stones and at last the Governor ordered the troops to fire over the people's heads and the mob at once bolted. The Governor has got telegraphic permission from Teheran to do whatever he likes to preserve order in the town.

THEOSOPHICAL CONVENTION AT BENARES.

Many European Visitors. Expected.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BENARES, DECEMBER 21.

The annual Convention of the Indian section of the Theosophical Society will be held this year at Benares on the 27th, 28th, and 29th December. Babu Bhagwan Dass, M. A., will deliver a series of three lectures on the Law of Manu. Prince Gangiran of Russia and Mr. Leo, the renowned Astrologer, are already here for the Convention and a great many Europeans and Indians are expected and all arrangements are complete for their reception. At the Convention, the President of the Theosophical Society, Mrs. Annie Besant, will also deliver two lectures; one on "Mysticism and Occultism" and the other on the "Work of the Theosophical Society in the World."

The Educational Conference, in connection the above Society, will also hold its first session on the 26th December and papers will be read on various educational subjects by renowned educationists, both Indian and European.

THE RAWALPINDI MANŒUVRES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, DECEMBER 21.

The Rawalpindi Divisional Manœuvres has been abandoned on account of the weather. The troops partaking in them have experienced considerable discomfort on account of rain and mud. The Regiments from distant stations are being allowed to return immediately by rail.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT KAMPTEE.

Line Blocked but None Injured

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 21.

A telegram received from Nagpur to-day, from the District Traffic Superintendent, B. N Railway, states that as the Up Bombay Mail was entering Kamptee station, the engine derailed, causing the derailment of the third class bogie carriages and blocking the line. No injuries to passengers or staff occurred, and the mails were transhipped. The line is expected to be cleared by midnight.

LORD AND LADY MINTO.

Arrival at Calcutta.

INTERESTING INCIDENT AT DARJEELING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 21.

The Viceroy and Lady Minto returned to Calcutta this afternoon on the completion of the Darjeeling tour. At Kurseon Their Excellencies were entertained by the Kakina Raj. Their Excellencies made an exhaustive tour of the Hill Station and made special efforts to secure some really good curios. It was while curio-hunting that an incident occurred that has made this visit extremely interesting to His Excellency.

While making some purchases in one of the best shops in Darjeeling His Excellency recognised the dealer, Mr. P. Morris, as his hair cutter at Eton during his College days. His Excellency was greatly pleased at the meeting as was also the old dealer. His Excellency spent considerable time with his former barber reviving College memories, finally leaving the old man the better off by the purchase of many articles of antiquity.

The following officers have arrived in Calcutta for duty as extra A. D. C.'s. to the Viceroy :—Captain W. Muir, Captain H. N. Holden, Captain A. C. Charrington, Captain A. A. Tod and Captain F. St. J. Atkinson.

Miss Katherine Jones has arrived in Calcutta and is the guest of Their Excellencies at Government House. Mr. Thornhill arrived this afternoon and will also be a guest at Government House.

His Excellency the Countess of Minto will attend the Women's Friendly Society Ball on the 28th instant and present the prizes at the Horse Show on the 21st.

His Excellency the Viceroy will lunch with the stewards of the Calcutta Turf Club at Tollygunge on the 1st Proximo.

Among the guests who are expected at Government House shortly are the following :—Sir R. and Lady Pagot and Miss Johnson, Sir H. and Lady McMahon, the Hon'ble Mr. Merk and Lieut. Griffith, his Personal Assistant to the Agent to the Governor-General, and Chief Commissioner, N.W.F. Province, General Denning who will arrive from Burma and be invested informally with the insignia of the K.C.B. on the 6th January ; the Bishop of Southwork, Hoc Mrs. and Miss M. Talbot who come to Calcutta from Peshawar and Mrs. Skeffington Smyth.

Her Excellency the Countess of Minto will open the Minto Annexe at the Calcutta Medical College on the 25th January.

The Christmas Party at Barrackpur will include Colonel Forbes from Bombay.

The Viceroy held the Annual Levee at Government House this evening. It was largely attended and proved a brilliant function. The number of new presentations were larger than usual.

Sir John and Lady Hewett will arrive in Calcutta on 24th instant.

THE TRAWLER "GOLDEN CROWN."

Sold to Rangoon Fishery Company.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 21.

The "Golden Crown" has found a purchaser. She was sold to the Rangoon Pioneer Fishery Company for Rs. 40,000 and her eventful career so far as Calcutta is concerned thus comes to an end. The money will be paid over to-morrow. The European crew will leave for Home during the first week in January.

BREACH OF EXPLOSIVES ACT.

Ship Captain Fined.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 21.

At the Calcutta Police Court to-day before Mr Swinhoe, Inspector Chamberlain of the second division of the Port Police, charged Captain A. DeCruz, Commander of the s. s. "Palitana" with having on board on the 1st instant in the port of Calcutta, 50 cases of crackers in contravention of Government orders thus infringing the Explosives Act. Accused, on being questioned by the Court, pleaded guilty to the charge. Mr. Swinhoe imposed a fine of Rs. 10.

A BANK SUIT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 21.

Before Nawab A. F. M. Abdur Rahman, in the Calcutta Small Cause Court yesterday, the claim of the Peoples' Bank of India, Ld., vs. Messrs. M. J. Jones and others, Proprietors of the Cambrian Press, came on for hearing. The plaintiff Bank claims the properties attached. The defendants had obtained a decree against Baba Premananda Bharati, Editor and Proprietor of the *National Daily*, and in execution of that decree attached two Albion printing machines and one guillotine paper cutting machine. The Bank bases its claim on a mortgage dated the 13th August, 1909, by which these properties along with others were pledged with the plaintiff for a debt of Rs. 6,000. By virtue of this mortgage the Bank claims to be in legal custody of these properties and to the attachment by the defendant was illegal. The defendants contended that the attached properties belong to their judgment debtor. The defendants have also a charge on these grounds to the amount of their decretal amount. The Pleaders on both sides mentioned their cases but the Court wished to examine the judgment. The debtor was not in Court. The matter was adjourned to January 4th.

LONDON MISSION SCHOOL, BENARES.

Annual Prize Distribution.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BENARES, DECEMBER 21.

Mr. Lovett, the Commissioner, who presided over the annual prize distribution of the London Mission Institute, in the course of his speech, said that the newly-instituted school leaving certificate examination was not a blow to the higher education as was supposed by some, but on the contrary went a great way to stimulate higher education. He also paid a glowing tribute to the Principal, Rev. Mr. Cutting, for his selfless and devoted work in the cause of the institution and also for his hearty co-operation with the Government and the public. Prizes of books were distributed by Mrs. Lovett to the successful students. The Secretary's report showed all round progress especially in athletics, the students having secured at the last Inter-School Tournament, the first prizes in cricket, football and hockey and a great number of medals.

THE Maharaja of Durbhanga arrives at Lahore on 23rd instant.

THE NEW COUNCILS.

The Bengalee Attitude.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, DECEMBER 21.

The result of the elections for the new Councils are as follows :—For the Allahabad Municipal and District Board, Mr. Motilal Nehru; Benares Division, Rai Bahadur Pandey Sadanand ; Agra Division, Thakur Kusal Pal Singh, who succeeded in defeating Lala Baijnath ; Rohilkhand Division, Barjnandand Persad ; and by the landholders of Agra Province, Kuar Bharat Singh.

MADRAS, DECEMBER 21.

The result of the election, of an additional Member of the Fellows of Madras University announced to-day is as follows :—Mr. T. V. Seshagiri Iyer 65 votes; Rev E. M. Macphail 58 votes; Group 3 (Nellore Noth Arcot and Chingleput have returned to Mr. M Habibullah Sahib of Vellore, who obtained 56 votes. Group 4 (Cuddapah, Kurnool, Bellary and Anantapura districts) have returned Mr. P. Kesava Pillay, Pleader, Anautapura with 121 vots.

NAGPUR DECEMBER 21.

The result of the election of a candidate for the Imperial Council from Municipalities and District Councils was declared. Mr. B. Dadabhoy was elected. There were four candidates. Mr. Dadabhoy got 23 votes ; H. S. Gour, 14; and V. R, Pandit, 13 ; H, M. Malak withdrew, The election by the landholders comes tomorrw.

DACCA, DECEMBER 21.

Benore Kumar Roy Choudhuri of Barisal has been elected to represent the landholders of the Dacca Division in the Legislative Council securing 45 votes against Moulvi Wazid Ali Khan Pani of Karatia who has got only 23 votes.

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 21.

Mr. Golam Husain Arif of Calcutta and Dr. Abdulla Mamun Sarharwadi, Barrister-at-Law of Midnapore, have been elected to the Bengal Council from the Burdwan Presidency and the Orissa Divisions.

Mr. Mahomed Nasim, Advocate, has been elected by the Mahomedan electorate from Lucknow, Fyzabad Division.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 21.

The Bengal Provincial Congress Committee will meet this evening, when the following resolutions will be placed before them for consideration :—(a) That the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee desire to record its emphatic protest against the Reform Regulations, which in violation of the principle laid down in the Queen's Proclamation of 1858 and in opposition to the practice of all civilised nations, have recognised profession of different religious faiths as ground for differential treatment of communities in political matters, which include most unjustifiable provisions for the exclusion from the Legislative Council of many of the best men in the land which appear to have been intended for the purpose of minimising the influence of the educated classes in the administration of the country, and which are calculated to weaken the constitutionalist party by creating a feeling of despair in the minds of the less thoughtful and sober members of the community and thus to stimulate unconstitutional activities; and (b) that in view of the retrograde and reactionary character of the Regulations and the mischievous effects which they are likely to produce, this Committee is of opinion that the leaders of the popular party will best serve the interests of the people by withholding their support from the so-called Reforms until the Regulations are properly modified. This Committee further views with disapproval the action of those members of the popular party who have sought election to seats on the Legislative Councils.

The Hon'ble Mr. Daji Abaji Khare is a candidate for election to the Imperial Legislative Council on behalf of the new official additional members of the Bombay Legislative Council.

THE INDIAN CONGRESS.

New President's Election.

BENGAL RECRIMINATIONS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, DECEMBER 21.

When the news of Pandit Madan Mohan Malviay's nomination as President of the ensuing Congress was received, he was pressingly engaged in an important case at the District Court of Bahraich from which it was very difficult to absent himself besides he was in indifferent health. Sheer sense of duty and the difficult situation of the Congress prompted him to accept the responsible task imposed upon him. He is still in a poor state of health, but this could not dissuade him from taking up the work in right earnest. He is likely to leave Allahabad for Lahore on Saturday next, with 15 other Allahabad delegates. There will altogether be about 70 delegates from the United Provinces.

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 21.

A heated newspaper controversy is going on as to the failure of the negotiations between the Moderates and Extremists, regarding the holding of United Congress at Lahore.

The *Statesman* on Sunday held Arabindo Ghose and Motilal Ghose responsible for the failure and vigorously criticised their action.

The *Patrika* this morning reminds the *Statesman* of the law of defamation and the *Bengalee* says that Motilal had no share in the negotiations and had no opportunity of expressing an opinion on the points discussed. Arabindo is so far silent.

THE TRANSPORT "DONGOLA."

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, DECEMBER 21.

The hired transport "Dongola" arrived this morning from Southampton bringing thirty-one officers, twenty-six warrant officers and staff sergeants and 1,314 non-commissioned officers and men, drafts for various regiments and the King's Royal Rifles for Meerut; also 90 women folk and 105 children. The details for Bombay leave by the steamer of 23rd, remainder were despatched to destinations to-day. Chaplain-General to the forces, Reverend Taylor Smith, arrived by the "Dongola" and breaks journey at Karachi to deliver a local address.

CONGESTION OF TRAFFIC THE ON G. I. P. RAILWAY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 21.

Owing to congestion on the G. I. P. Railway all goods, except perishables, are, it is reported, not to be booked on the G I. P. Railway from Balaspur, Nagpur and Satpura Districts, since Saturday as the congestion is likely to last a few days.

INTELLIGENCE having been received of the death of His Majesty the King of the Belgins, the officers in uniform when attending at Government House will wear a crape band on the left arm till the 31st December inclusive.

LAHORE SEDITION CASE.

Ajitsingh's Brother's Defence.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, DECEMBER 21.

In the Lahore sedition case Kishen Singh, brother of Ajitsingh, pleaded not guilty and said that the book "Ghadr" purported to be a translation of Bruce Norton's book headed "Rebellion of 1857." The book, named "Amanet me Khiyanat" meaning "Betrayal of Trust" is purported to be a translation of Bruce Norton's "Annexation of the Punjab."

The case against Lalchand Falak for the sale of "Ghadr" meaning "Mutiny" was withdrawn. Lalchand has, however, six cases, hanging on his head.

THE ALIPORE BOMB CASE.

Absconding Accused Brought to Calcutta.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BENARES, DECEMBER 21.

It is rumoured that Tara Nath Roy Chowdhury, the absconder in the Alipore Bomb case was arrested yesterday in Benares and taken away to Calcutta under strict Police custody.

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 21.

Tara Nath Roy Chowdhury, accused in the Alipore Bomb case, who absconded, was brought to Calcutta to-day under police escort. Before absconding he was a private tutor at 4 Raja's Lane, which was searched by the C I D. A steel trunk containing arms was found which was alleged to be his. Many references were made about him during the course of the Alipore Bomb case trial.

LATER.

Tara Nath Roy the absconding accused in the bomb case, was placed before the Chief Presidency Magistrate when a remand was granted.

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 21.

Mr. Justice Harrington who has been appointed to hear appeals of the five appellants in the Alipore Bomb case regarding whom there was a difference of opinion between the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Carnduff, will commence the hearing of the appeals on January 3. As Mr. Norton is away, the Advocate-General will appear for the Crown. The hearing is likely to last three weeks.

HALUDBARI DACOITY CASE.

Further Developments.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 21.

Further developments have taken place in connection with what is known as the Haludbari dacoity case. From information received, the Mirpore Police raided the house of Bidhu Bhusan Biswas, an accused in this case, before the Krishnagar Magistrate, and after digging up a portion of a field adjoining the house, succeeded in recovering, so it is alleged, half of the property stolen in the case in cash and jewellery. It is further said that at the last hearing of the case the accused, whose name had been withheld from being made public, made some startling revelations.

THE "PESHWA" SEDITION CASE

Ziaul Huq's Plea.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, DECEMBER.

Ziaul Hug filed his written statement yesterday stating that the alleged incriminating article in the "Peshwa" was held over by his order, but published in his absence as he forgot to destroy it. He was sorry for its publication and for failing to cancel his printer's declaration. He never intended to create dissatisfaction against Government. Ziaul Huq's case is postponed to 3rd January.

The cases against Nundgopal and Kishensingh are being proceeded with.

ANOTHER DACOITY REPORTED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 21.

Yet another dacoity is reported from Naihati Police station. A gang of up-country men attacked the house of Uttam Chandra Ghose, broke the main entrance and decamped with what they could get. The Police enquiry is proceeding.

NARAYANGANJ ARMS ACT CASE.

Student Convicted.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

DACCA, DECEMBER 21.

Baraja Ballav Das, of the Narayanganj Arms Act case, has been sentenced to one year's imprisonment by the Sessions Judge.

THE KOTAPPAKONDA RIOT CASE.

One Sentenced to Death and Four to Transportation.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, DECEMBER 4.

The Additional Sessions Judge, Guntur, delivered judgment to-day in the Kotappakonda riot case. He convicted Chinnappa Reddy for murder and other charges and sentenced him to be hanged. Four accused were sentenced to transportation for life, sixteen others to various terms of imprisonment from one to ten years and the remaining twenty-four were acquitted.

THE BURMA KEDDAH CASE.

Case against Mr. Dalrymple Clark.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, DECEMBER 20.

Mr. G. Scott, I.C.S., on arrival at Katha, resumed taking evidence in case against Dalrymple Clark and continued the inquiry until Saturday. Six native witnesses were examined in connection with the sale of the two elephants "Maud" and "Thompson" by accused to Steel Brothers in 1904, for other witnesses gave evidence as to this fasification of accounts by accused. In connection with the third charge relating to anthrax nine witnesses were examined, all of whom being Jinmadars and "Mahauts" who testified to the report of anthrax at Tokgyi Island and no deaths from that disease.

Amongst elephants there were casualities at different operations in 1905-06, but they were from other causes. Wazirdin Jamadar never heard of services of any of hunting establishment being utilised for burying or burning carcases of dead elephants on Tokgyi Island.

MR. BENIMADHAV MUKERJEE, Science Demonstrator, Thomason College, Roorkee, is going to Germany to learn glass blowing.

INDIAN MEMBER IN THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Public Meeting of the Mahomedans.

A PUBLIC meeting of the Mahomedans was held last evening in the Hall of the Anjuman-i-Islam, to express their sense of gratitude and joy at the appointment of an Indian as member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council and to thank H. M. the King-Emperor and congratulate Mr. Syed Amir Ali on the appointment.

Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim was called to the chair and amongst those present were : Mr. Haji Sulleman A. Wahed, Mr. Mirza Mahomed Sirazi, Mr. M. A. Jinnah, Mr. M. H. Makba, Mr. Shams A. Tyabjee, the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Currimbhoy, Kazi Mahomed Saleh Londay, Mr. Amirudin Tyabji, Mr. Kazi Kabirudin, Dr. Rajab Ali Patel, Mr. A. K. Khatkhatay, Mr. Syed Gulam Mahomed Rufai, Mr. Ahmedbhoy Habibbhoy, Mr. Abdul Rehman Khandvani, Mr. Jaffer Rahimtulla, Mr. Hakim Mahomed Wayani and others.

Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, Sir Currimbhoy thanked the meeting for calling him to the chair and said that not long ago they had assembled in the same Hall in connection with the sufferings of the Indians in the Transvaal. That evening they had met together on a happier occasion. The occasion was the appointment of Mr. Syed Amir Ali to a very high office. They must thank the King for conferring such an honour upon an Indian. He would not say anything about the honourable gentleman who was well known for his abilities and capacity throughout the country. The Government by honouring Mr. Syed Amir Ali, had honoured the whole Mahomedan community. Mr. Amir Ali had a great deal of experience of Indian Courts and his presence in the Privy Council would surely benefit both India and England. On hearing the news, Sir Currimbhoy had forwarded a telegram to Mr. Amir Ali congratulating him on behalf of the Anjuman and in reply he had thanked them.

Mr. Mahomed Ali Jinah then moved the first resolution, which was "That this public meeting of the Musalmans thanks His Most Gracious Majesty the King-Emperor and expresses its deep sense of joy and gratitude at the appointment of an Indian as a member of Judicial Committee of the Privy Council." He said that this was the highest judicial honour one expected to receive under the British Government. Mr. Amir Ali had commenced as an ordinary barrister and had achieved the highest goal the Judicial Service.

Mr. Haji Yussuf seconded and Mr. M. H. Makba, Kazi Moorghai and Mr. Shams Tyabji supported the resolution which was carried by acclamation.

The Honble Mr. Fazulbhoy Currimbhoy moved the second resolution.

"That this public meeting offers its sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Syed Amir Ali C.I.E., on his appointment as a member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council." He said that while in England Mr. Amir Ali was doing his best to make suggestions regarding the reform scheme which was at that time under the consideration of the Government.

Kazi Mahomed Sahb Londay having seconded and Kazi Ismael Porbundari supported, the resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. Amirudin Tyabji next moved the following resolution that this meeting view with satisfaction the speedy introduction of the rules and regulations under the Indian Councils Act of 1909.

Dr. Rajah Ali Patel seconding the resolution observed that he hoped they would have a still greater share in the administration of the country.

Mr. A. K. Khalkhatay and Mr. Syed Gulam Mahomed Rufai having supported the resolution, it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Ahmedbhoy Habibbhoy then moved :

"That the President be requested to forward the Resolutions passed at this meeting to H. M. The King-Emperor, through H. E. The Governor of Bombay and to the Right Honourable Mr. Syed Amir Ali C. I. E."

Mr. Abdul Rahiman Khandvani seconded the proposition which was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. Sulleman A. Wahed a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman.

MADRAS CHAMBER'S ANNUAL MEETING.

Protest against Government Competition.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, DECEMBER 21.

The annual general meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held this afternoon, Mr. W. B. Hunter presiding.

He laid on the table a summary of the Chamber's work during 1909, and it included such subjects as the detention of coal steamers at Madras and Bombay, Currency Office, Indian Paper Currency Bill, stamp duty on bills of exchange, and marine insurance policies, withholding of telegrams, Indian traders and European manners and titles, Government competition with private enterprise, Indian Companies Act, Indian Mining Rules, Indian Electricity and Factories Bill, etc. The Chairman, in his address, inter alia, said that the Viceroy's reply to their address was very disappointing, but he felt sure that the local Government would support their claims towards a further development of the harbour. Their request for some measure of protection for sugar as well as railway extension and coast ports were also passed over by the Viceroy, but he urged the Chamber not to allow those matters to drop.

With regard to cotton, the cotton growing districts are nearer Bombay than Vizagapatam, but Raipur is about 650 miles from Bombay, and 500 miles from Calcutta, but only little over 300 miles from Vizagapatam. The whole trade from Raipur to the coast should be secured together with that of some of nearer places on the Raipur-Bombay and Raipur-Calcutta section of the line. Calcutta and Bombay will place their opposition and they could look for no support from Bengal-Nagpur Railway on the G. I. Raiway so that they would have to fight single-handed.

They would also have to fight the Local Government on the question of Government competition with private enterprise and he trusted the Chamber will not cease to fight on the principle now enunciated that the Industrial Department is justified in continuing to manufacture in competition with private enterprise until such time as a purchaser of Government plant and buildings at cost price can be found. Trade, he said, during the past year had been far from brisk in the Presidency and though the stock is now much reduced, they would like to have seen them lower two months ago. They looked forward to bumper crops and improved trade demand all round but failure of the N. E. monsoon will necessitate a review of the whole situation.

Office-bearers for the ensuing year were appointed and the Chairman was elected to represent the Chamber on the Legislative Council.

THE SURAT JEWELLERY CASE

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SURAT, DECEMBER 21.

The case in which Anupram Kirparam, stands charged with breach of trust in respect of ornaments valued at Rs. 75,000, belonging to the late Mahomedi Begum, was called on for further hearing to-day before Mr. C. Henderson, First Class Magistrate.

The witnesses called to prove that Mahomedi Begum had other ornaments besides those entrusted to the accused were after lengthy argument held irrelevent.

Bhoorabhai, Jeweller, produced books to show that his father had got ornaments made for Mahomedi Begum through Mir Gulam Baba Khan.

As three important witnesses were absent, the case was adjourned.

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

THE TURF.

(FROM OUR SPORTING CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DECEMBER 3.

ANOTHER flat racing season has run its course, and the year of 1909 deserves to be considered a red-letter one for several reasons. To most people, the Royal victory in the Derby stands out as the event of the season. Not only in this, because King Edward VII is a fine sportsman, but also because well-wishers of the Turf recognise that the victory of Minoru in the big Epsom Race acted as a check to the faddists who are also recognised as Little Englanders and Anti-Patriots.

A further feature of the season has been the support of American owners, and it may be added, of the best sort. This has certainly increased the general interest, and it gave much satisfaction when Sir Martin and Ballot showed real form towards the finish of the campaign. So far as the racing is concerned, we have not seen any real "smasher" of the stamp of the White Knight or Velocity, the chief honours of the year going to three-year-olds.

LUCKY MR. FAIRIE.

Mr. Fairie is a lucky man. When he acquired his Australian property, he little imagined that it included a silver mine, which would lead to fortune and the ownership of the best three and two-year-olds of the season. Such is the case, however, and though Minoru won the Derby, it is perhaps only right to recognise Bayardo as the best of the year. The son of Bay Ronald-Galica won 11 races worth £24,790 during the season, while Lemberg, by Cyllene-Galicia accounted for 6 races and stakes to the value of £9,360. Lemberg may not be the best two-year-old of the season, but he has very great claims to that honour. The success of the two animals named, enabled Mr. Fairie to top the winning owners' list with a grand total of 23 races worth £37,119. It gives general satisfaction to see the King so well up the list, and his 13 races, worth over £20,000 entitles him to second place on the list. This position is only due to Minoru, the son of Cyllene, having accounted for 6 races worth £9,519. Fifth on the list comes Mr. H. P. Whitney, this popular American having secured 30 races and stakes of £8,519.

The winnings of Minoru and Bayardo were mainly responsible for the high positions of Cyllene and Bay Ronald in the winning stallions list, the family of the former accounted for 39 races to the value of £35,550, while Bay Ronald's descendants won 26 events worth £34,361.

Passing on to trainers and jockeys, the top place among the former goes to Alec Taylor, the master of Manton having sent out 25 winners which won 49 races worth £47,825, almost double the amount opposite the name of W. Waugh, who comes next. That Frank Wootton would ride more winners than any other jockey, was assured some time ago, and he finished up with a total of 165 out of 774 mounts, giving him a percentage of 21·31. Danny Maher won 116 races out of 423 attempts and again takes pride of place on merit, with the fine percentage of 27·42. Thus the leading honours go to American and Australian jockeys, which is somewhat different to the days of Fordham, Cannon, Archer and Wood.

THE LAST BIG RACE.

The last big race of the season, the Manchester November Handicap—ended in a triumph for a horse bred in Holland and the winner of the Dutch Derby two seasons ago. This was Admiral Togo III. by Santoi-Delighted, an animal of a sluggish disposition, but which ran up to his form under the skillful riding of Frank Wootton and upset a warm favourite in Rathlea.

FOOTBALL.

The keen struggle for First League championship honours has been increased by the defeat of Blackburn and Liverpool. The success of Bradford City on entertaining Blackburn, was partly due to the visitors having real bad luck, but the win (2-0) of the Yorkshire team puts them well in the running, with 19 points for 14 games. Liverpool have a like record, while Blackburn still retain a two points lead. It was the Notts County players who beat Liverpool, the latter getting a surprise. Having opened the scoring, the visitors looked like at least drawing, with the scores level with only ten more minutes for play. The home side however, made a great effort, and scoring two goals in the last few minutes, gained a surprising victory. Glossop advances steadily towards the Second Division championship, and leads the next team by three points, while the situation in the Scottish League remains the same, Celtic leading the Falkirk players by three points, but the latter have played one match less than the leaders.

RUGBY.

The chances of Kent heading the South-Eastern group in the Rugby county championship, were further improved by the victory over Middlesex this week. This makes the fourth successive win of Kent and no other county save Gloucestershire can show a win for each match, but the Westerners have only played two games so far.

Newport almost lost an unbeaten record when visiting Llanelly last Saturday. The home side excelled at forward play and looked like carrying the day until time was nearly up. The Newport men, however, made a great effort near the end, thanks to their fine back division, managed to save the game, 6 points each being the final score.

There was not much to choose between Blackheath and Oxford University in their match on the Dark Blues' ground, a splendid struggle ending in the Club team beating the 'Varsity players by 14 points to 11. The Cambridge men had the Old Merchant Taylors as visitors on Saturday and much to the general surprise, the Cantabs had to put up with the defeat by 5 points to 0.

BOXING.

That Ian Hague and Jim Stewart (U.S.A.) are likely to try conclusions at the National Sporting Club early in the New Year, gives general satisfaction. A lot of people still hold faith in Hague and fancy he may yet reach the top. The writer hopes they are right, but greatly fears the Merborough man will never become a world's champion. Like many other promising young men, he is not inclined to take the advice of those who have "been through the mill." This was shown by his taking the ring against Langford with about 20lbs of extra weight around his body. Nor did he profit by his defeat, and instead of getting off to America or Australia, where he might have learned something while taking on men of his own stamp, he indulged in a rest. In consequence, he can be no better now than a year ago, which is not the way to climb the ladder of fame. Stewart and he are are well matched, both being big punchers but without much science so that a merry mill, while it lasts, ought to be seen.

Willie Lewis of America has educated French sportsmen up to a love of knockout, and they are not pleased with a bout, unless one of the men are compelled to stop. This is to be deplored and may serve as a check on scientific boxing in France. To return to Lewis, he made short work of Jack Kingsland of London in their contest at Paris last Saturday, a right uppercut on the jaw ending the affair half way through the third round. There is now some talk of Lewis taking on Tom Thomas of Wales, the middle-weight champion, who has had a lot of illness lately, but providing he can recover his best form, he will give the visitor a real fight, should they clash.

BILLIARDS.

Tom Reece made a great recovery half way through his match (16,000 up) against M. Inman, and turned a deficit of over 1,200 into a lead of nearly 500. Reece has been playing very well at times so far this week, and was once 1,550 in front. This was on Wednesday evening, when he concluded a splendid break of 643. This is only 2 less than the record for the season, also by himself, and during the compiling of it, he overcame at least half a dozen stiff obstacles. Apart from the big break Reece did little that day, and Inman got very much lost ground, so that with the match three-quarters over, Reece only led by 840 points. Inman is noted for his ability to battle against odds, and he gradually closed the gap yesterday, being only 551 points behind when play ceased, so that a close finish looks probable.

PEDESTRIANISM.

It is settled that Dorando Pietri and C. W. Gardiner will meet in a match of 26 miles 385 yards on December 11th. A supporter of the Italian has offered a purse of £150 to be split two-thirds to the winner, and one-third to the loser. The Albert Hall will be the venue, and while Gardiner does not fancy running indoors, he has given way on the matter because Dorando has promised him another race (win or lose) on an outdoor track next April. The Albert Hall is chiefly devoted to Music, but it is a capital place for an indoor athletic meeting, providing that the events contested do not require a large track. The one race under notice that will be decided on, will be about 15 laps to the mile, so that

Gardiner will be at some disadvantage, the Italian having had experience of little tracks.

IN GENERAL.

Australasia seems to have had rather an easy task to retain the Davis Cup against the United States lawn tennis cracks.

H. V. L. Ross of London won a 100 kilometres (62 miles 247 yards) walking race at Milan last Sunday, his time being 11 hours 5 mins.

Middlesex and Kent prevailed over Surrey and Essex respectively in lacrosse matches last Saturday, the scores being 6-3 and 7-2.

The London A. C. and the Cambridge University A. C. met in a series of 9 athletic events at Cambridge during the week, the 'Varsity men winning by 5 events to 4.

H. W. Stevenson delighted his admirers by making a break of 456 on Wednesday and another of 521 the following day.

Home cricketers were glad to note how well Hobbs (140) and M. C. Bird (67) batted in the opening match of the M. C. C. cricketers in South Africa. True the opposition (18 colts of Cape Town,) cannot be considered very strong, but that some of the tourists are shaping well on the matting, is satisfactory.

Now that the bidding for the Johnson-Jeffries contest is over, we can look forward to the real thing. The accepted bid of Tom Richards is certainly generous, and with a purse of £20,200 and 66 per cent of the profits on the cinematograph to split up, the fighters will reap a golden harvest.

NEW STATUES AT HONGKONG.

Parsi's Notable Gift.

NOVEMBER 25th was a notable day in Hongkong, for it was the occasion of the unveiling by Sir Frederick Lugard of two new statues. The first, to commemorate the Coronation, was erected by public subscription but the second one, of the Princess of Wales, was presented solely by Mr. H. N. Mody of Hongkong and also Bombay, who has carved a name for being a very liberal public benefactor and quiet recently attracted general attention to the Colony by his handsome gift for the establishment of the Hongkong University. Mr. Mody's gift is all the more worthy of notice since it is given not to the land of his birth but to that of his adoption, for Hongkong may now almost be called his home, although India is entitled to take pride in the fact that the gift was made by one of her sons. On the occasion of the opening, His Excellency and suite were met by the chairman and members of the Coronation Committee, including the Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, Sir Paul Chater, Hon. Mr. E. Osborne, Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, C.M.G., Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G., and Mr. H. N. Mody. The troops presented arms and the massed bands under Bandmaster Mr. C. B. Hewitt, played six bars of the National Anthem.

His Excellency and party were then conducted to the dais in front of the statue of Her Majesty the Queen, where the Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, Chairman of the Coronation Committee, whose remarks for the most part were inaudible to the Press, gave a resume of the movement to erect a statue in commemoration of the Coronation of Their Majesties the King and Queen, the cost of which, it will be remembered, has been defrayed by public subscription and of H. R. H. the Princess of Wales, the latter being a gift to the Colony by Mr. H. N. Mody.

The Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett also presented His Excellency with a Coronation Medal as a memento of the occasion and concluded:—I ask your Excellency to accept this statue on behalf of the Colony of Hongkong. (Applause.)

After a short speech, Sir Frederick Lugard pulled the cord releasing the veil, and the beautiful statue was revealed to view. The troops then sloped arms, gave the Royal Salute on the falling of the veil; the bands played six bars of the National Anthem, the troops subsequently sloping arms; then order arms.

Simultaneously with the salute, a Union Jack was run up to the top of the each of the poles around the statue and floated bravely in the breeze.

A move was next made to the dais in front of the statue of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, where Mr. H. N. Mody gave a short address.

Mr. H. N. Mody said:—Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen,—It is with the greatest pleasure that I now call upon Your Excellency to unveil, and take over, for the community, the statue of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales. The embellishment of the very few open spaces we possess in this Colony, is, I think, an object worthy of the attention of those who have the good fortune to be able to take a hand in doing so, nor can this object be better attained than by the erection of statues of those to whom we owe allegiance, devotion and love. It was, therefore, with the greatest pleasure that, on the opportunity being afforded me to do something in this line, I offered, subject to the sanction of His Majesty our King and to the consent of the Royal personage immediately concerned, to present to the Colony the statue you are now about to unveil. His Majesty's sanction was readily granted and Her Royal Highness very graciously consented to give the necessary sittings to Mr. Wade, the sculptor selected, whose works of art are numerous and well known; and I am given to understand he has produced a very speaking likeness; which it is now my proud pleasure to present to this Colony. We may well be proud of the fact they we hold the honour of possessing the very first statue of our gracious Princess that has as yet been erected, though one is now being prepared for India. Like our present gracious Queen, the Princess of Wales has always shown a keen interest in all works of mercy and charity. Long may she be spared to do so. With these few remarks I now ask Your Excellency to unveil the statue. (Applause.)

His Excellency said:—Mr. Mody, ladies and gentlemen,—The addition of this statue of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales completes the group which forms our "Royal Square" and as soon as the building sheds which I regret will still, for some time disfigure it, are removed, this square will form a worthy and dignified approach to the Colony from the sea. The statue has been presented by Mr. H. N. Mody, who is ever ready to come forward to promote the welfare and add to the beauty and nobility of the Colony, in which he has spent the greater part of his life. In the name of the Colony I thank him for his generous gift. Of her Royal Highness and of the Prince of Wales it may be said that no prospective King and Queen of England have ever travelled so largely, and seen so much of the British Empire as they have. It is significant of the increased importance with which the British Colonies are now regarded by the Mother Country that their Royal Highnesses should thus have made themselves personally familiar with the sister nations whose destinies are linked with those of the British Isles and with the Colonies which like Hongkong, are so important to the trade, and to the naval supremacy of Great Britain. We are also proud that our future Queen will be the first for many centuries to be British born. May Their Royal Highnesses be vouchsafed by Providence long lives, so that in due course they may reign over a united and loyal and patriotic empire. At the request of the generous donor, I now unveil the statue and present it in his name to the Colony to which in so many ways he has been a benefactor. (Applause.)

Another Royal Salute was given, the bands again playing six bars of the National Anthem.

A PLOT to kidnap Mr. John D. Rockefelle has been disclosed to the Police authorities of Cleveland, who are actively engaged in searching for two men who are suspected. It is stated that the men were overheard planning to get possession of the person of the "Oil King," presumably with the object of demanding an immense ransom for his release. Apparently Mr. Rockefeller, whose life and person have been threatened scores of times, considers that there is some foundation for the story, because he has retired to Forest Hill, his estate just outside Cleveland. He even refuses to play golf on the Club links and will not venture out beyond the gates of his estate, which are locked and doubly guarded.

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SOUTH INDIAN CHURCH CONFERENCE.

Federation and Self-Government.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

TRIVANDRUM, DECEMBER 21.

The deliberations of the General Assembly of the South Indian Church were confined on Sunday to services in English and vernacular, led by Dr. J. H. Wycoff of Vellore. The Monday sessions began in the morning. A forecast of the expenses of the meeting of Assembly with an apportionment of the amount among the various Councils were presented and passed. The next subject discussed was the union and federation of other churches into the United Church of South India. The necessary provisions were made in the rules, to enable all churches as are willing to take advantage of the facilities of joining hands with the United Church.

Mr. Chamberlain of Arcot proposed a debate on the self-government of Indian Churches. He took up the missionaries' point of view. He was of opinion that Indian churches ought to be supported by Indian Christians, adding that the best time for raising funds would be the harvest festival.

Revd. Kingsbury, Indian Christian Minister of Madura spoke on the present subject from an Indian point of view. He said no self-government ought to be given to churches which receive help from the Missions. The Assembly voted and recorded thanks to His Highness. The Christian subjects wished His Highness and long and prorperous reign.

In conclusion, Mr. Maclean delivered an excellent address in which he said that though the Indian Church was in the infantile stage it has manifested signs of vigorous and healthy manhood. He was also confident that it would attain that manhood. Bringing the proceedings to a close the President Mr. Cotelingam, said it was an inspiring sight to see members of different nationalities, churches, and fellowships meeting under one roof for the common purpose of the worship of God. That was, he added a happy symbol of Christ's universal kingdom. The assembly then adjourned.

THE CHAMPION REEF MINE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, DECEMBER 21.

There is more refreshing news from the Champion Reef Mine. The 36th well into the better part of the shoot with or without lode being 1 feet 3 inches and the assay value 2 oz. 4 dwt. 18 gr. The same shoot is also being explored upwards and the latest report states that the lode in the 34th level south is 2 feet wide worth 1 oz. 12 dwt. Further up still in No. 2 wing below the 31st level south what is evidently a continuation of the same shoot is being exposed, the quartz being 1 feet 3 inch wide assaying 2 oz. 4 dwt. 13 gr. It needs no great strength of imagination therefore to perceive that this fine shoot of ore will add materially to the reserves.

The Mysore Mine continues forging ahead at the deepest exploratory points in Tennant's section wing below the 2,670 feet level, the lode is 5 feet wide assaying 1 oz. 13 dwt. 23 gr., whilst in the 2,670 feet level south it is 6 feet wide showing nearly 2 oz. to the ton and in the 2,550 feet level south the lode is 5 feet wide worth 17 dwt. 18 gr.

ELECTORATE FOR THE PARSIS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I have read the correspondence of Mr. Manekji Cowasji Patel and Mr. Shapurji B. Katrak on the question of special representation for the Parsis in the reformed Councils. I was present at the Anjuman meeting in question and had gone from home fully determined to vote against the object of the meeting, but the furious attitude of the school-boy section of the meeting so frightened me that I thought discretion the better part of valour and kept my opinion to myself and refrained from voting on either side. Of your two correspondents, Mr. Patel's account of the meeting is nearer the truth than Mr. Katrak's. Mr. Maneckji Patel deserves great credit for his extraordinary moral courage in exposing the hollowness of the proceedings of the meeting, when he must have been absolutely certain of being hissed at and otherwise roughly treated. Every speaker ought to have equal and fair chance, but I was sorry to see some of the promoters of the movement and their followers and supporters trying to "muzzle" Mr. Patel. However, Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, as Chairman of the meeting, interfered and mildly reprimanded the meeting for its high-handedness towards Mr. Manekji. Though the present Sir Jamsetjee is a young man, he seems to carry a head on his shoulders and combines mildness with firmness. Feeling that Mr. Patel was unjustly treated, he would not give in to the clamour and uproar of the meeting. His conduct in the chair was so fair and judicious that it extorted unwonted expressions of admiration from men of all shades of opinion. In time to come Sir Jamsetjee will make a model chairman. Mr. Patel, in spite of tremendous opposition and every kind of obstacle thrown in his way in the most shameful and merciless manner, manfully stuck to his guns and continued his address. He was at least six times interrupted by the uproar, but his loud voice and fluent tongue triumphed over every obstacle and he finished his speech amidst loud applause. Mr. Shapoorji Katrak's statement that Mr. Patel was hissed at on account of his "vituperation" is absolutely misleading. There was no sort of vituperation at all in Mr. Patel's speech. No doubt his language was at times very strong and emphatic, but at the same time it was dignified and perfectly gentlemanly. He had not fair play and in this connection I regret to say that even the Parsi reporters, (with one or two exceptions) of the local papers, carried away by a spirit of partizanship, treated Mr. Patel very unfairly by giving the most imperfect and garbled report of his speech in their respective papers. I have invariably noticed that whenever a meeting of the Anjuman is held the Parsi reporters, instead of remaining neutral, as it is their duty to do, take sides and allow themselves to be carried away by the prevailing tide of partizanship. The Parsi Anjuman meetings must be improved. There is no slavery more heinous than the slavery of opinion, and to compel a man by hissings and hootings to think like you and vote with you, against his conscience, is an intolerable state of affairs and it is a pity that a highly educated community like the Parsis should continue to put up with such an anomaly. Is it impossible to reform their Anjuman meetings? If the seats were arranged with discretion and care, if schoolboys with skull-caps on were not admitted, if the proceedings were conducted in English rather than in Gujarati, and if a sufficiently strong police force were kept ready to expel the rowdies, by the order of the chairman, the Anjuman meetings would be orderly and they would once more command the respect and confidence of the Parsi "Akabars."

As things are at present they are a sham. The only speaker at the last Anjuman meeting, whose fearless and outspoken address it was a pleasure to hear, being free from platitudes and containing sound arguments, was continually interrupted because he held and expressed views which were repugnant to a handful of Parsi gentlemen who wanted to palm off on the Government their own opinion as the opinion of the whole community. The man who could reason well and express his views freely and independently was apparently not wanted in the meeting. Only the "Johukamwallas" were required. The wiseacres who promoted the movement for sending a memorial to the Government, asking for special representation for the Parsis in the reformed Councils, were silent as the grave when the reform scheme was on the anvil of the Government and at the eleventh hour they rose from their sleep of "Kumbhkaran" to memorialise the Government for a separate electorate. In denouncing such a piece of folly, Mr. Manekji Patel showed the courage of his convictions and all fair-minded men would only be inclined to congratulate him on his moral courage.—Yours, etc.,

K. L. M.

[This correspondence is now closed.—Ed. B.G.]

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

HIGH COURT.

FORMAN MOULDER'S AGREEMENT.

Dismissal Undeserved.

AMOUNT OF DAMAGES RESERVED.

Before Mr. Justice Macleod.

JAMES MACDONALD VS. ALCOCK ASHDOWN AND CO.

For the Plaintiff:—Mr. M. R. Jardine with Mr. G. R. Lowndes, instructed by Mr. S. A. Tyebji.

For the Defendants:—Mr. L. J. Robertson with the Hon'ble the Advocate-General, instructed by Messrs. Crawford, Brown and Co.

His Lordship yesterday delivered judgment in the suit filed by the plaintiff to recover Rs. 10,000 by way of damages for wrongful dismissal and Rs. 1,070 as his salary and second class passage fare to England.

His Lordship, in delivering his judgment, said that the defendants in this suit were a limited company carrying on in Bombay the business of iron founders, etc. Early in 1907 they instructed their agent in Glasgow, one Mr. Harrower, to engage for them a foreman moulder and in May 1907 an agreement was signed between Mr. Harrower on behalf of the defendants and the plaintiff. The plaintiff had had no previous experience as foreman moulder. The evidence showed that the foreman moulder had entire charge of the foundry. He should fix the quantities of the various metals required, see that the proper patterns were prepared, control the body of moulders and generally supervise the work of casting. He was responsible for the efficient working of the foundry. By his agreement the plaintiff agreed to become a foreman moulder to the defendants in Bombay for a term of three years. He was to devote his whole time to his duties and to discharge such duties at all times with zeal and fidelity to the best of his skill and ability. Under clause 7 the agreement was 'inter alia' determinable in case of misconduct or incompetence of the plaintiff by the defendants on their giving to the plaintiff one calendar month's notice and paying his salary up to the day of such termination and his passage to England. The plaintiff arrived in Bombay on the 7th June and began his work on the 8th. Previous to his arrival the defendant had no European foreman moulder. A native maistry, Ramchandra, supervised the work in the foundry subject to the control of Mr. Hepworth or his assistant, Mr. Longworth. Mr. Hepworth, in his evidence, had stated that the object of engaging the plaintiff was to relieve him and his assistant of their work in connection with the foundry; moreover, he had hoped that there might be some improvement in the work done as a return for the extra cost incurred. The plaintiff worked as foreman moulder under his agreement until the 9th October, 1908, when he received a letter from Mr. Hepworth, giving him a month's notice under clause 7 of the agreement on the grounds that he had proved himself an incompetent foreman moulder. The plaintiff was also told that the native moulder maistry was placed in charge of the foundry from that day. The plaintiff, through his Solicitors, Messrs. Little and Co, wrote on the 13th October protesting against his dismissal. The defendants replied on the 16th through Messrs. Crawford and Co. declining to reconsider their decision. After that there seemed to have been some attempt at settling the dispute, but on the 15th March 1909, the plaintiff filed this suit claiming Rs. 10,000 for wrongful dismissal and in the alternative Rs. 1,070 as the salary due to him up to the expiration of the month's notice and the cost of a second class passage to England. After stating what the defence was, his Lordship went on to say that the main issue in the case was whether the plaintiff was incompetent so as to justify the defendants giving him one month's notice under clause 7 of the agreement.

In 1907, the defendants were erecting a new foundry at the Mazagon works.

QUESTION OF BONA-FIDES.

This was finished in 1908 and the plaintiff had suggested in his plaint that the defendants engaged him principally on account of this new foundry; that when this work was completed the defendants were anxious to find some pretext to get rid of him and that his dismissal was not bona-fide. His Lordship was clearly of opinion on the evidence that there was no foundation for any of these suggestions and that they should not have been made. Whether the plaintiff proved himself an incompetent foreman moulder was a question of fact, the difficulty in deciding which lay in the difficulty of deciding the term "incompetence."

In the letter of the 7th October, there were three main charges set up against the plaintiff as evidence of his incompetence: (1) That his management of the foundry was unsatisfactory; (2) that never a week passed without his turning out bad castings; and (3) that even when castings were passed out as good, complaints were received from customers. It would no doubt be very difficuls for the defendant to substantiate by direct evidence the first charge; on the second charge, it was clear on the evidence of the witnesses on both sides, including the foreman moulders of the G. I. P. Railway and B. B. & C. I. Railway that in every foundry a certain number of castings were turned out bad, not only every week but every day.

His Lordship sought in vain in the evidence for satisfactory proof that during the time of the plaintiff's employment, the proportion of bad castings was excessive. Beyond the vague allegations of Mr. Hepworth and Mr. Longworth that the wastage was more than it should have been, there was no evidence whether the wastage was so excessive as to convict the plaintiff of incompetence. The dismissal of the plaintiff was a very serious step to take and if Mr. Hepworth had all along been dissatisfied with his work, he could easily have kept a record of the wastage in the iron castings. As regards the brass castings, there was a record of the plaintiff's work in the brass issue books. As far as his Lordship could gather only three instances of bad brass castings had been evidenced against the plaintiff. His Lordship did not think the number of brass castings rejected during the term of the plaintiff's employment could be considered so excessive as to call him incompetent.

Continuing, his Lordship said against the various allegations by the defendants to prove incompetence, the plaintiff relied on a number of circumstances which without admitting in any way that he was incompetent, he submitted, would account to a very considerable extent for bad work. He complained that the materials he was given to work with were bad and that he was not allowed to use the proportions of the various metals that he thought were correct. His Lordship did not think that he had proved that the materials given him were bad. The plaintiff's case under this head failed. As to the proportions of pig iron to scrap iron which were allowed, the defendant admitted that the plaintiff was told to use as little pig iron as possible, but the complaint was that he used too much and still they did not interfere with his discretion. A great deal of evidence was led as to what should be the proper proportion, but it was clear that as there were various qualities of pig and scrap and as different kinds of castings required different proportions, it was impossible to come to any definite conclusion that the amount of pig and scrap issued daily was not proper for the work required. The attempt to make the plaintiff responsible for the shortage of pig iron was, his Lordship thought, decidedly unfair.

The plaintiff had further alleged that he was not given a free hand in the foundry with the men. He said he complained almost from the beginning of the maistry Ramchandra. It must be remembered that before the plaintiff came out, Ramchandra was practically doing the work of a foreman moulder, and it was not unnatural that he should consider the plaintiff as an intruder who reduced his position to that of a subordinate. There was no great impossibility in plaintiff's story that Ramchandra was working against him and that his orders were disobeyed. Ramchandra took his leave towards the end of 1907 and when he returned in January 1908, Mr. Hepworth, at the request of the plaintiff, told him his services were no longer required. Mr. Hepworth admitted he felt he was acting unjustly, but considered he must support his foreman. Ramchandra had been with the defendants for over 20 years and it was inconceivable that Mr. Hepworth should have so dismissed him unless he considered that it was preferable to rely on the plaintiff. If, as Mr. Hepworth asked the Court to believe, he considered that the plaintiff's engagement had produced no advantage to the defendants but rather a disadvantage which was due to the plaintiff's incompetence. He should have preferred to tell the plaintiff then that he was incompetent, rather than lose an old servant like Ramchandra. His Lordship thought that the act of Mr. Hepworth must be taken as showing that at any rate in January 1908, he did not consider the plaintiff as incompetent. In March, however, the maistry Ramchandra was brought back. The plaintiff said he was away for ten or twelve days and when he returned to work he found Ramchandra reinstalled as maistry. If Mr. Hepworth's first step was a blunder, the second was a still worse one as far as the defendants' agreement with the plaintiff was concerned. The defendants were bound to keep him until May 1910, unless he brought himself within the terms of clause 7 and yet they expected him to maintain his authority in the foundry with a man who had been dismissed two months before at the plaintiff's instance. His Lordship thought it clear, therefore, that the defendants were equally to blame.

BONUS FOR 1907.

His Lordship next came to the fact that in May 1908, when the bonus for the year 1907 was granted, the plaintiff's name appeared in the list. Mr. Hepworth, his Lordship said, must have given instructions for that list. It was dated the 7th of May and had been approved by the directors. The cashier was given a cheque for a total amount mentioned in the list on the 8th May, but Mr. Hepworth said he had some doubts about paying the plaintiff this bonus and told the cashier to remit it to the Bank. Eventually the plaintiff received Rs. 240 on the 13th May. In his letter of the 13th October 1908, the plaintiff relied on the bonus as showing that in May 1908 his work had been approved of. Continuing, his Lordship said in a large foundry with 300 men, it might not be possible for the foreman to supervise everything. Ramchandra took plaintiff's place after the 9th October and continued to hold it till this day for Rs. 100 a month instead of Rs. 75 as his wages stood when the plaintiff came. The defendants did not choose to call him as a witness, though his evidence might have thrown a good deal of light on what actually went on in the foundry. However, Mr. Hepworth evidently went straight from the foundry to write the letter of dismissal. His Lordship had no doubt that in his mind at that time he thought he was justified in writing that letter, that he thought as he had said in his evidence that the plaintiff, though a first class workman, had proved himself an incompetent moulder, a bad general with no tact in superintending men, and that he was acting in the best interests of the defendants in dismissing the plaintiff. But his Lordship had to decide not whether Mr. Hepworth thought he was justified in dismissing the plaintiff, but whether it had been proved by the evidence before his Lordship that the plaintiff was incompetent.

After discussing what "incompetence" meant, his Lordship said in his opinion the defendants were not justified in dismissing the plaintiff on the 9th October 1908, and as the notice informed the plaintiff that the native maistry had been put in his place, the plaintiff was justified in treating that notice as dismissing him forthwith.

The question of damages was reserved.

POLICE NEWS.

PRESIDENCY MAGISTRATES' COURTS.

MAZAGON.

Before Mr. Frank Oliviera, Fourth Presidency Magistrate.

Sabha Parpia alias Dongersi, a servant in the employ of Thacker Karson Ramji, a carting agent, was charged with misappropriating Rs. 1,020, the property of his master. The accused was entrusted with several bills to collect the amount from different merchants on the 17th instant. The accused collected the amount and absconded to his native country, but he was arrested on the Ahmedabad Railway Station. Rs. 1,019 was found on his person. He was convicted and fined Rs. 150 with the alternative of 3 months' rigorous imprisonment.

AHMEDABAD NOTES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

AHMEDABAD, DECEMBER 18.

THE weather here is fine and pleasant at present. It is getting colder day by day. The sky was cloudy during the week and drizzling rain amounting 5 cents. fell on Monday last. The health of the town is satisfactory. The total number of deaths from all causes during the past week was 164 against 182 of the previous week. Plague is still in the town. There were 3 cases recorded in the Municipality during the week.

Crop reports are generally satisfactory. Prices of food-stuffs are stationary.

A grand evening party was given on the 13th instant in honour of Sir Evan James, the retired Commissioner of the Northern Division, by the citizens of Ahmedabad, at the Hon. Khan Bahadur Nowroji Pestonji Vakil, C.I.E.'s bungalow. The premises were tastefully decorated with flags, bunting, etc., and brilliantly illuminated. The gathering which was very large and repesentative. Included the elite of all communities, both ladies and gentlemen, European and native. The military band of the 122nd Rajputana Infantry was in attendance. Sir Evan James, accompanied by Mr. J. Sladen, I.C.S., arrived at about 9-45 p.m., and was received enthusiastically by the assembly. Sir E. James conversed with many of his old friends and acquaintances and made enquiries as to the commerce and prosperity of the city. After this Sirdar Chinubhoy Madhowlal, C.I.E., spoke of the high esteem and regard in which Sir E. James was held by the people of Gujarat, to which Sir E. James replied.

After partaking the refreshments provided by Mr. Nowroji Framji Khambata, the proprietor of the Gujarat Hotel, the party dispersed about midnight. On leaving Sir E. James was garlanded amid cheers.

The Bombay Government has again strongly condemned our Municipal administration and it cannot be said unnecessarily as there is much more loquacity than real work.

Governament has requested the Commissioner, N. D., to report whether the rules for the conduct of the business, framed under the District Municipal Act, should not be strengthened in order to prevent useless obstruction of debates at the meetings of the Municipality, and have added that the Municipality should at the same time be warned that unless reasonable rules are accepted for this purpose, Government will not be prepared to grant the concession of the privilege of electing two-thirds of the members and the selection of a president. A special meeting will be held on Monday to consider this Government letter.

The elections of members for the new reformed Legislative Council have excited a great deal of interest throughout the Gujarat Province and particularly in the Mahomedan community.

For one seat allotted to the Mahomadan community in the Northern Division under the new reformed Councils scheme, there were six candidates in the field, but the keen contest was between Syed Ali El Edroos of Surat and M. B. Husein Budrudin Tyebji. Local Boards, and Municipalities of the N. D. and the newly-constituted Sirdars of Gujarat had also elected their representatives. The results of these elections were declared on Wednesday and Friday by Mr. R. P. Barrow, Commissioner, N.D. Syed Edroos was elected by a large majority of votes.

The Hon'ble Mr. Gokaldas Parakh having secured 51 votes against 32 of D. B. Ambalal, was duly elected for the Northern Municipalities. The return of Mr. Parakh has given immense gratification to the people of Gujarat. His valuable services in connection with revenue enquiry under the presidency of Mr. Machonochie, I.C.S., are still remembered with feelings of gratitude.

By Local Boards Mr. Pursotamdas was elected, and from the Sirdars the Thakore of Amood, having secured 22 against 15 of Sirdar Chinubhoy, was declared elected.

Mr. Elliott arrived here from Bombay and took charge of his new office of Additional Sessions Judge on the 14th.

MR. HARRINGTON, Chief Engineer, Railway Board, is granted six months' extension of service.

SPORTING NEWS

BOMBAY HUNT.

A TYPICAL Tuesday field assembled at Jackal Hill yesterday morning, being composed of about twenty regular followers, including one lady. The morning was warm with a dry wind blowing across the flats below the Jackal Club as hounds left the kennels at an early hour for the meet. The early rain arrived a little late at Andheri Station, but as soon as it was in, a move was made in the direction of the bushes below Pereira's Hill. Hounds soon spoke to the line of a jackal and led the field in a circle round to the railway near Irla. The jackal was prevented from crossing however and hounds chased him out again into the open. It looked as if he had altered his mind and that a good gallop was in store, but with a persistence which was very disappointing, he worked round again and eventually crossed the railway, hounds being called off at once as the country on the other side of the embankment is hopeless from the equestrian point of view.

Having thoroughly scoured the country in this vicinity during these preliminaries, the Master next tried the Sahar coverts which were productive of a jackal, which gave a nice hunting run until he managed to save his bush in the hills above the Horse Shoe Valley. From Sahar he took a line across the big nullah and down the Marole cart-track towards the Andheri Road, ; before reaching this, however, he had swung right-handed and was making for the backwater which he crossed just below the stonebridge. In the compound on the otherside of the stream hounds were at fault but were able to puzzle out the line over the Vehar road. The scent seemed very catchy here and although the pack worked hard crossing and recrossing the nullah which runs up to the hills they were unable to reach their quarry; he safely gained that part of the hill where the telegraph line runs over it and the field had to be content to watch further operations from the valley which terminated with hounds being called off after some arduous mountaineering by the hunt staff. What a pity it is that the hills which shut in that part of the Salsette country cannot be rolled back about ten miles or so; but this season has been quite exceptional in the great number of occasions on which the runs have been stopped through jackals making in that direction. The next meet takes place to-morrow at the Jackal Club and it is hoped that a run up the Marole Valley may be recorded, or into the Goregaum woods where hounds were not handicapped by the proximity of the mountains that stopped yesterday's and several previous hunts this season.

YACHT CLUB RACES.

Programme for Saturday.

The following Races will be sailed on Saturday, 25th instant:—

A CLASS: Start at 3-30 p. m. Course—Committee Vessel to North Karanja Buoy, thence to Mark Buoy, thence to Committee Vessel, thence South Karanja Buoy, thence to Committee Vessel leaving all marks to Starboard. Distance 12·57 miles.

B CLASS: Start at 3-40 p.m. Course—Committee Vessel to P. and O. Buoy, thence to North Karanja Buoy leaving both marks to starboard, thence to Middle Ground Buoy to Port, thence to Mark Buoy to Starboard and to Committee Vessel. Distance 10·05 miles.

C CLASS: Start at 3-50 p. m. Course—Committee Vessel to P. and O. Buoy, thence to North Karanja Buoy, thence to Committee Vessel, thence to Middle Ground Buoy, thence to South Troopship Buoy, thence to Committee Vessel, leaving all marks to Starboard. Distance 7·84 miles.

SHIP BOATS: Start at 3-15 p. m. Course—Committee Vessel to Mark Buoy, thence to South Karanja Buoy, thence to Committee Vessel leaving all marks to Starboard. Distance 7·43 miles.

Z. B. M. M. GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

Annual Prize-Giving.

THE annual prize-distribution of the Z. B. M. M. Girls' High School took place yesterday in the Town Hall, Bombay. The Hon'ble Mr. H. E. E. Procter presided, and there was a large number of ladies and gentlemen present.

A very interesting programme of recitations and songs was gone through by the pupils, "The Suffragettes Parliament," a humorous item, being especially applauded.

The Rev. Heywood then read the report for 1909, in the course of which it was stated that the last 11 months had seen a good many changes which had resulted in not a few difficulties. They could also thankfully say, that they had also some successes. Their difficulties began after the hot weather holidays, owing to lengthened absences through illness of several members of the staff. They were decidedly short-handed for sometime. Another difficulty and disappointment had been that owing to New Government Regulations they had not been able to complete their new buildings as they had hoped to do; and they were still hampered by the unsuitable conditions of the old ones. In spite, however, of these hindrances, they found themselves at the end of another year with a tolerably good record behind them. He had to acknowledge with much gratitude the readiness and willingness with which the leading staff had borne the additional burdens caused by the absence of their fellow-teachers and had done their utmost to prevent it telling upon the work. One candidate, Charlotte Gomes, who was sent up for the Government scholarship examination had gained a junior scholarship. The results of the matriculation examination had not been declared. As in former years they owed a debt of gratitude for help given from friends outside the school, to Mr. Monteath for so kindly and ably conducting the examinations of our Kindergarten students, to Miss Griffiths who had throughout the year taught the Middle and High School singing and Miss Damber the oil painting, Miss Sever and Miss Wiltshier generously came to aid when they were short-handed. They had much other valuable help, especially from their secretary Canon Heywood, who was ever ready to spend time and strength to forward their work.

Lady Muir-Mackenzie gave away the prizes to the successful pupils.

The Chairman then addressing the meeting said, it had given him great pleasure to preside there that afternoon, as he had been taking a good deal of interest in that school for many years past. He knew the great amount of good that the school had been doing to the city. He did not wish to make a long speech at that hour, but he could not help noticing the sickness that prevailed among the staff and the consequent short-handedness throughout the year. Miss Wilson and the other members of the staff, therefore, deserved great credit for bearing the additional burden thrown upon them and bringing satisfactory results. Miss Wilson in particular had given up the whole of her holiday to return to her work and bear the additional burden. This short-handedness was, however, not peculiar to this school, for it would be found wherever Englishmen and Englishwomen were engaged in the work of education in India. They found from a certain section in this country a great deal of criticism of English doings. But he would ask the inhabitants of this country to sometimes look to the other side of the picture and realise what sacrifices England was making in the cause of education in India. They would find Englishmen and Englishwomen dying in the service of this country. He appealed to the ex-pupils of the school to contribute generously to the funds of the school. Referring to the new building for the school he said there had been considerable delay, but there were very good reasons to believe that the difficulties would soon be overcome. He made an appeal for contribution to the buiding fund, as in addition to the Government help more money would be required. He concluded by addressing a few words to the children.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman and Lady Muir Mackenzie terminated the proceedings.

ADMIRAL Togo is retiring from the Japanese naval command and has been appointed a member of the Military Council. Vice-Admiral Ijuin will succeed to the position which Admiral Togo is vacating.

THE LADIES' CORNER.

WEDDING CUSTOMS.

There is no occasion less hedged in by stereotyped observances than an English wedding, and it is because this is so in a large measure that such a ceremony is a social happening of very great interest as well as of good-will and rejoicing. The humblest bride, in equal measure with the one of great social degree, has her wedding day relegated specially to her own wishes in the matter of arrangement, and for each one it is possible should she desire so to do, to make the ceremony differ in some way from that of her sisters. Thus into the observances creep new courses of procedure, which mark them apart from the wedding days of other mortals. "At the day and time appointed for solemnisation of matrimony, the persons to be married shall come into the body of the church with their friends and neighbours; and there, standing together, the man on the right hand, and the woman on the left, the priest shall say:—" Thus run the directions in the form of Solemnisation of Matrimony of the Church of England. It is not specified in particular terms how the persons to be married shall come into the body of the church but modern custom directs that the bride be brought to the chancel steps, leaning on her father's right arm, so that she shall arrive there on her bridegroom's left hand, he having advanced to his place to meet her from the aisle where he awaited her coming.

MEETING AT THE CHURCH DOOR.

A change in the interpretation of the order of coming, or rather a hark back to ancient custom, was instituted at an autumn wedding in London inasmuch as the bridegroom waited for the bride at the church door, and the two together advanced to the body of the church, in other words the chancel steps, for the marriage service. In such a case the father or his representative, who would be present to give the bride away, would have previously taken up his position at the left hand side of the bride ready to play his part in the ceremony. To some bridal pairs the custom of mingling the religious ceremony with the social is repugnant, and this accounts for the fact that at one of the weddings which took place lately the bride's mother held a reception of friends and acquaintances at her house the day before the wedding. A large congregation was invited to the church to witness the solemnisation of matrimony, but they dispersed after the wedding, and there was no reception held at the bride's home. At a recent wedding the bridal pair decided to revive an old custom, that of not divulging their honeymoon destination. It is a custom that finds acceptance in the north of England and in Scotland, where reticence is a quality of the people and romance plays a large part also in their composition. There is most certainly a spirit of adventure in the realisation that the young pair are to fare forth with the world before them. A flavour of past days savours the custom, of days in which not even the captive bride knew where her lord and master would lead her. The use of the motor-car helps the secret to be kept more easily than that of the train service. Perhaps it will now become fashionable for the chauffeur to start with sealed orders for a destination which only the bridegroom and bride know anything about, with a possible exception in favour of the parents of the young couple.

THE LINEN DOWRY.

Another ancient custom, permitted to decline by the present generation, it so happens, was resuscitated by the parents of the bride to whom reference has just been made. Among her wedding presents this young lady received from her father and mother all the household linen for her future home. Table damask of the most beautiful description, bedroom napery all fair and white, household linen of every description, ready for the young bride's linen cupboards, made a most appropriate present for the chatelaine of a great house.

THE PROFESSIONAL BRIDESMAID.

It is unlikely that the professional bridesmaid will become a necessity among English people, though she is said to be making a success of her strange calling in the United States. Etiquette is absolutely elastic in Great Britain upon the subject of the number of bridesmaids. There may be a train of twelve or there may be none at all. The daughter of an earl went to the alter the other day followed by two maids only, despite the fact that the wedding was a very smart affair. Neither has fashion anything whatever to say to the type of toilette worn by the bride's attendants. It is easy, for instance, to guess at the "inner meaning" of such a choice as haymakers costumes for the little girl bridesmaids and smocks for the boys. Perhaps the bridegroom of the day asked the bride to marry him in the sweet haymaking season of the year, and the association of events was charmingly symbolised by the quaint suits and frocks worn by the juvenile train-bearers. For the wedding dress preference has been given of late to white satin cut on Princesse and trimmed with precious heirloom lace of the Brussels or Honiton pattern. At one time every bride coveted and many wore a lengthy Court train slung from the shoulders; but now the train, though long, is hung from the waist as a rule, and when the bride is presented at Court in her wedding dress the regulation train is added to the costume. There is a likelihood that soft white tulle or mousseline de soie will again be raised to the high pinnacle of favour it occupied before satin took its place.

TRAMWAY FARES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—The Tramway Company are anxious to be allowed to increase their fares for the longer distances. I hope the members of the Municipal Corporation will not hear of this for a moment; as it is a very great boon to the large number of "very poor people" in this city to be able to travel any distance for an anna.

The Tramway Company make out that the first-class did not pay them and was not appreciated by the public. This is not stating the whole truth. The fault lies with the Tramway Company, and not the public. The reasons why more people did not travel first Class were (1) the Company did not provide first class on every car of the main lines, and not at all on the branch lines; (2) no attempt was made to prevent third-class passengers from passing through the first-class in getting in or out; (3) smoking was not allowed in the first-class, which was a mistake. Smokers were thus compelled to travel third. I am not a smoker. "Birees" only I think should be objected to in the first-class.

At the beginning of this year I

BY THE WAY.

OXFORD PEERS.

An inquiry into the academic antecedents of the peers who took part in the debate gives Oxford a great preponderance. Balliol makes a particularly strong showing with the Lord Chancellor, the Archbishop of York, one marquis (Lansdowne), three earls (Camperdown, Russell, and Sheffield), four viscounts (Goschen, Midleton, Milner, and Ridley), one bishop (Birmingham), and three barons (Clonbrock, Curzon of Kedleston, and Lucas). Christ Church comes next with one marquis (Londonderry) four earls (Beauchamp, Cawdor, Dunraven and Rosebery), two viscounts (Galway and Halifax), and three barons (Harris, Lamington, and Newton).

NEW COLLEGE AND OTHERS.

New College claims one earl (Donoughmore) and three barons (Ampthill, Montagu of Beaulieu, and Willoughby de Broke). Both the Archbishop of Canterbury and Baron Ritchie come from Trinity. The Marquis of Salisbury, the Earl of Halsbury, Viscount Morley, the Bishop of hereford, Baron Balfour of Burleigh and Baron St. Davids were educated at University, Merton, Lincoln, Queen's Oriel, and Keble respectively. The Earl of Onslow is set down in the year-books as an Oxford man, but the name of his college is not given.

THE CAMBRIDGE LIST.

The Cambridge list is a short one in comparison. Here Trinity stands first with the Lord Privy Seal, one marquis (Northampton), one earl (Carrington), and seven barons (Belper, Eversley, Faber, Knaresborough, Oranmore and Browne, Rothschild, and Welby). Baron Courtney of Penwith is the only Johnian. The Bishop of Bristol hails from St. Catharine's, and Baron Burghclere from Trinity Hall. Two other barons (Grimthorpe and Stanmore) are the only other Cambridge men whom one can discover among the speakers in the debate. Trinity College, Dublin, is the alma mater of two barons (Ashbourne and Killanin.) Baron Clifford of Chudleigh is a graduate of London University.

A BLIND PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATE.

A blind man, following the example of Professor Henry Fawcett and others, is standing as a candidate at the General Election. This is Mr. Walker King, the Liberal candidate for one of the divisions of Somersetshire. Mr. King, who is an excellent speaker, said that he delivered his first speech twenty-five years ago. Another Liberal candidate for the same county is named King—Mr. Joseph King, who is standing for North Somerset.

PROFESSOR FAWCETT'S CLEVER RETORT.

When Mr. Fawcett was standing at Brighton, an elector asked him how he—a blind man—was going to "catch the Speaker's eye" and vote in the right lobby. Mr. Fawcett scored effectively by replying that he would depend on the kindness of friends. But, as to mistaking the lobby, he said he might occasionally vote wrong, "but at all events that would not be so bad as your present M. P., who is always in the wrong lobby, and he does it on purpose!" The answer was cheered to the echo. Other blind M. P.s have been Mr. Macdonald, an Irish member, and Sir W. Tindal Robertson.

A BIG TELESCOPE FOR THE TRANSVAAL.

The southern hemisphere is very badly off for observatories, and many problems of astronomy depend on a chain of properly equipped observatories commanding the whole of the stellar firmament from one celestial Pole to the other. It is gratifying to hear, therefore, that the new Transvaal Observatory will soon be in a position to take its place with the best centres of astronomical research in the northern hemisphere, being about to erect at a cost of £10,000 a 26in. refracting telescope, the lenses alone of which will cost £2,500. In the whole of Europe there are only half a dozen refracting telescopes exceeding 26in. in diameter, two of which (the only two in Great Britain) are at Greenwich.

THE LAW STUDENTS' BOX.

When Lord Kenyon was Chief Justice of England there used to be a box for the Bar students close to the Bench, and Lord Campbell says he well remembers how the Chief Justice would show the pleadings to the students and explain their effect. Mr. Justice Ralf has found occasion at Birmingham to express a wish that the students' box were restored in the London courts and introduced into the Assize courts. The practice of reserving a special place for the use of students in our Courts of Justice was, of course, the "Law Journal" states, in existence long before Lord Kenyon's time. Lord Mansfield was always at great pains to state cases for the benefit of students. "There wants nothing to answer the objection but to state the case, which I will do for the sake of the students," are among the words of his reported judgment in a case tried in 1765.

A SUGGESTION OF REVIVAL.

Nobody can doubt, the "Law Journal" thinks, that the students' box might again play a most useful part in the scheme of legal education. It often happens that when an important case is being tried the demands upon the space of the court are so heavy that a student is prevented from enjoying the coveted opportunity of observing how the masters of the forensic art do their work. The provision of special accommodation for students in the courts would not only enable them to learn the lessons which are to be derived from the combats of the utmost men at the Bar in causes celebres, but would also encourage them to make a systematic study of their opportunities of studying the art of advocacy in less sensational cases.

RAILWAY HORSES.

How often in walking through the streets at home do people admire the strength and beauty of many of the cart horses. None attract more attention than the horses dragging the big and ponderous railway vans. An article in the current issue of the "Great Western Magazine" gives many particulars about the horses owned by the Great Western Railway Company both for street van traffic and in shunting operations. The company have perhaps one of the finest studs in the country, consisting of over three thousand splendidly bred animals, each of which is individualised by a distinctive number branded on the hoofs. The purchase age is usually five years. The food bill of this large number of animals amounts to no less a sum than £70,000 per annum.

THE STABLING OF THE HORSES.

The stables of the company, one is pleased to know, are commodious, and ventilation and sanitation are on the most approved lines. At Paddington, curiously enough, some of the stables are above ground level, so that the horses are literally taken "upstairs" to bed. At these stables over 600 horses can be accommodated: 50 in the basement, 261 on the ground floor, 228 on the first floor, and 66 on the top floor. While on this subject attention may be called to a little booklet just issued by the "Railway News." It consists of a number of photographs of horses belonging to different companies, and shows in each case what fine and sturdy animals they are.

SIR WALTER SCOTT'S CHAIRS.

It was announced at the last meeting of the Edinburgh and Leith Corporation Gas Commissioners that Councillor Inches had presented a silver plate, with inscription, for the chair occupied by Sir Walter Scott when he was chairman of the Edinburgh Oil Gas Light Company. The inscription on the plate is:—"This chair was used by Sir Walter Scott, Bart., when chairman of the Edinburgh Oil Gas Light Company, founded in 1824, whose property was subsequently purchased by the Edinburgh Gas Light Company on March 10, 1828." Edinburgh possesses two of Sir Walter chairs. The more famous is that on which he sat as Clerk of Justiciary. This has recently been removed from the Court to the Advocates' Library and is now occupied by the Dean of Faculty, Mr. Scott Dickson when presiding over meetings of that learned body.

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BOOKS AND BOOKMEN.

The advertisements are an important department of any newspaper, not only because, in contrast with the rest of the printed matter, they are a source not of expenditure but of revenue, but also because they have a curious appeal to a certain kind of people. It is not the school girl alone who reads the "lost and found" column in order to mourn over the lost dogs, or finds the advertisements interesting reading. In any public newsroom one may see men moving from paper to paper and scanning only the outside sheets of each. The majority of them, no doubt, do so for a utilitarian reason—they are on the look-out for employment; but there are among them also they who find in the advertisement the same sort of interest which others find in the "faits divers." They give them interesting glimpses into remote provinces of the little world in which they live, while, after all, there is as much solid information in the fact that such and such a wage is paid to a man who will combine the offices of gardener and coachman and, upon occasion, wait at table, or that a grocer wishes a housekeeper who will also take her turn at the counter when he himself is at meals, as in the fact that a boy with his pocket full of penny-dreadfuls has been convicted of stealing a gold watch under circumstances which preclude the exercise of the First Offenders Act. Novelists have been known to study the same columns for professional purposes, and it was once said of Wilkie Collins that he constructed his plots by selecting the two most dissimilar advertisements in a paper and then weaving a story that would bring them both into its web. It must be admitted however, that the ordinary reader finds his favourite pasture in the inner sheets. Here, nevertheless, if he is permitted, the wily advertiser follows him, and sometimes he limes his twigs so cunningly that he brings the smile to the lips even of one who has suffered capture. Thus who, in some country newspaper, has not began some paragraph which gave promise of information about a papyrus turned up during an Egyptian excavation, or of explaining how Hannibal used his vinegar in breaking rocks, to find himself presently being admitted into the secret of a final cure for, say, intestinal gangrene, or reading the praises of some powerful but painless depilatory which will do the work of electrolysis in half the time and at a twentieth of the cost? Sometimes, too, in the "Answers to Correspondents," or in the paragraphs dealing with household matters, one comes upon matter which, whatever it may be in intention, is functionally, advertisement and ought to have been paid for as such. Such intrusions into the body of the paper, perhaps, do no great harm. But it is otherwise when the advertisements begin to influence the various departments. They may influence the critical departments. Thus one hears of reviewers who are hampered in their work by the fact that their notices must be not criticisms but appreciations, while the recent dismissal of Mr. William Winter emphasises the fact that there are dramatic critics who work under similar limitations. Even the news may be adjusted to the advertisements. That a writer in the "North American Review" has been telling us, is one of the abuses of the yellow journalism, and a grievous evil it must be. "Since" says the writer, "the compensation from the accurate report of current news is very slight, and the returns from abundant advertisements are comparatively very great, the tendency has arisen and rapidly grown of so furbishing up the news as to make it a feeder of the more profitable feature of the paper." Obviously, if the information to begin with is false, the more one reasons from it the further one moves from the truth.

THE ART OF PUFFING.

The invasion of the editorial part of a paper by the spirit of advertisement one is apt to think of as something peculiarly modern and, especially, American. It is much otherwise. Mr. Laurence Lewis, in his recent book "The Advertisements of the 'Spectator,'" reminds us that the art of puffing their advertisers was practised with much vigour by the greatest of the Augustan essayists. Thus, so long as the promoters of Italian opera were not paying for space in the "Spectator" the performances were derided, but there was a sudden and complete change of tune when they began to advertise. Lillie the perfumer, the wine merchants Hellier and Brooke were eulogised, and the quack oculists Read and Grant were recommended, and all for one and the same sufficient reason—they were extensive advertisers in the columns of "Spectator." Mr. Lewis is amply justified, therefore, in his remark that "if we reason as do our present-day investigators of business methods, it is plain that the editorial was woefully subservient to the business department of the 'Spectator.'"

"AIKEN DRUM."

In a passage of that beautiful poem "Dream Market," which he contributes to the "Odd Volume"—a passage, however, which he omits from the version of the same poem in "Songs of memory and Hope,"—Mr. Newbolt talks of the "moonland anthem, Aiken Drum." Now the name of Aiken Drum is one that turns up at the most unexpected junctures in Scottish literature. It was "Aiken Drum's lang ladle" that, as Edie Ochiltree assured Monkbarns, was represented by the "A. D. L. L." carven on the stone, and not "Agricola dicavit libens lubens." But the "kail-supper of Fife" has nothing in common with the Aiken Drum addressed in the ballad which Hogg printed for the first time in "Jacobite Relics," and which begins:—

Did you hear of Sunderland,
Aiken Drum, Aiken Drum?
Did you hear of Sunderland,
Aiken Drum?

There is another still, in William Nicolson's "Drownie of Bledhock." A supernatural character attaches to him in two out of the three songs relating to him which run to the same rhythm, although in the third, the Baroness Nairne's he is merely a "man in our toun" who "would be a soger." In David Vedder's he is a bit of a warlobk:—

A warlock cam' to our toun,
To our toun, the slee loon,
His beard was grey, his cheeks broun,
An' he looked unco glum.

His cloak o' Moffat tartan
Hung doun beneath his garten,
He cam' to spae my fortin,
His name was Aiken Drum.

The warlock has something in common with the figure in the other and much older song, which is perhaps Mr. Newbolt's "moonland anthem":

There was a man cam' frae the moon,
Cam' frae the moon, cam' frea the moon.
There was a man cam' frae the moon,
They ca'ed him Aiken Drum.

THE "CORNHILL'S" JUBILEE.

With reference to the forthcoming celebration of the fiftieth birthday of the "Cornhill," it is interesting to note that that magazine, unlike "Punch," has never changed its coat; it appears to-day in a similar garb to that which cloaked its first issue. For the design of that cover we are indebted in a way, to one who did much for the art education of England, the Prince Consort. For it was to him that the institution of the Art Schools at Kensington was due, and it was to the students of those schools that Thackeray, as editor went for a design for the cover of the new magazine, to receive, in response a drawing by Mr. Godfrey Sykes that pleased him immensely. "What a fine engraving what a beautiful drawing!" he wrote concerning it and it is this design which has graced the outside of the Cornhill through all these years. The choosing of a title for the new venture was an earlier and a much more difficult matter. Thackeray pondered long over the problem and the question was still unsettled when, taking a holiday in Switzerland, he made at the town of Coire a little discovery, concerning which he wrote to his publisher, who had then his house of business at No. 65, Cornhill, as follows: "Have you found a title? St. Lucius, who founded the church of St. Peter, Cornhill, is buried here. Help us, good St. Lucius land I will be your faithful, W. M. T." We get here, seemingly, a suggestion of the direction in which the perplexed editor's thoughts were turning, and later we find him writing: "The only name I can think of as yet is the "Cornhill Magazine." It has a sound of jollity and abundance about it." And so it was that to St. Lucius, ancient British saint and martyr "Cornhill," in a sense, owed its name.

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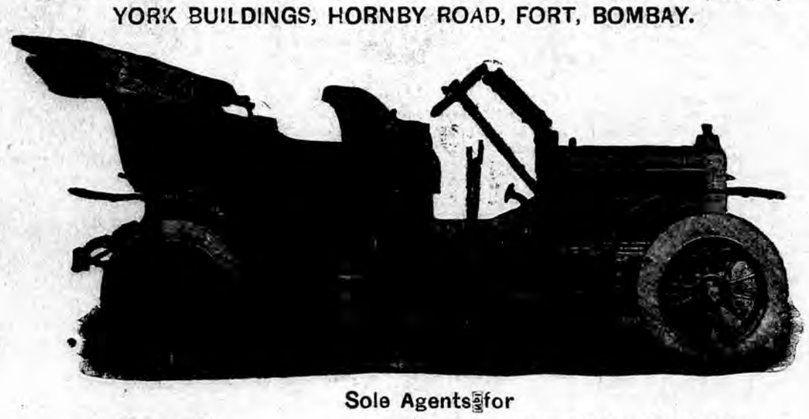

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